

US Ambassador to Croatia Peter Galbraith (i) and Croatian Premier Zlatko Matesa (c) walk near the site of the plane crash where the body of US Commerce Secretary Ron Brown and at least 32 others were recovered.(AP)

### German fund helps bus bombing orphans Namir to be

# ambassador to China

### MICHAL YUDELMAN

LABOR and Social Affairs Minister Ora Namir has been appointed ambassador to China and will take up the post before the elections to provide a fait accom-

pli for any new government. She will withdraw from Labor's Knesset list, thus vacating a slot for an immigrant from the former Soviet Union.

A RAY of light came into the lives of Vladik Kushnirov, 9, and his baby hrother, Tomer, who lost their parents in the first No. 18 hus bomhing in Jerusalem, when the Frankfurt Jewish community announced on Pessah eve... it will help them with educational expenses.

They will receive monthly pay-ments from a DM 250,000 (NIS 550,000) endowment administered by the community.

Jana and Anatoly Kushnirov were killed as they left their home in Katamon to pay an installment on a new apartment they had bought.

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The boys are now being cared for hy their maternal grandmother and their aunt, who immigrated three years ago. They are raiting for the Absorption Ministry to find a suitable Amidar apartment that will accommodate the expanded family.

"I read about the Kushnirovs in the International Edition of The Jerusalem Post," said Stefan Szajak, managing director of the Frankfurt community, who is arranging for the transfer of the funds to the family. "We decided that, unfortunately, this was ex-

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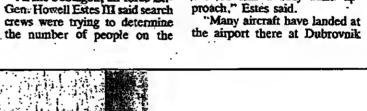
The donation will come from Foundation and is intended to help the boys with any educational needs not taken care of by the state.

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at St. John's Episcopal Church. Afterward, Clinton said it was "a very moving memorial service, not only to grieve but also to celebrate the life" of Brown and the other victims.

The remainder of the endow-

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crash.

Contrary to reports from Cro-

atia, Estes said he did not believe

the Air Force passenger plane

carried a voice or data recorder.

He also defended the relatively

old technology used to guide the plane toward the Duhrovnik air-

that's been around for a while,

there's no question about that,

but it's still a very valid ap-

"It is a kind of an approach

port before the crash.

helped us," according to Ahmed

Qreia (Abu Ala), speaker of the

joined other administration offi-

cials at a brief memorial service

At the Pentagon, air force Lt .-

Clinton and his wife Hillary

PA Council.

The air force and the National

and 27 American passengers, including Brown, several aides, and more than a dozen senior executives on a mission to stimulate US corporate interest in rebuilding Bosnia. In addition, a Croatian photographer and

Murphy, a senior vice president for AT&T Submarine Systems Inc., of Morristown, New Jersey; Robert A. Whittaker, chairman and chief executive officer of Foster Wheeler Energy Internation-al, Clinton, New Jersey; and John A. Scoville, chairman of Harza Engineering Co., Chicago.

The aircraft that crashed one kilometer north of the runway at the airport near Duhrovnik was the same plane used earlier this week to shuttle Defense Secretary William Perry - and, last week, Mrs. Clinton - through

Estes said the plane, an air force version of the Boeing 737, was making an instrument landing when it apparently veered off course and into the 700-meter hillside.

Estes said the crew manning the Dubrovnik tower reported no signs of emergency before the plane disappeared from their radar.

"There were no calls made indicating any kind of a problem aboard the aircraft," Estes said. They were in contact with the tower, making their approach when contact was lost."

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Namir, who was deeply disap pointed at winning only the 18th spot on the list, accepted the proposal of Prime Minister Shimon Peres and Foreign Minister Ehud Barak to serve in Beijing. She was appointed on Wednes-

day hy the Foreign Ministry's appointments committee, which is to name outgoing Amhassador Moshe Ben-Ya'acov, amhassador to Japan.

Namir took a vacation following the primaries last week, after expressing her dismay at her low place on the list. Labor sources said it was made clear to her that she would not be a cabinet memher in the next government. should Lahor win.

Labor's convention will meet on Sunday in Beit Berl to approve Peres's proposal to place an immigrant from the Soviet Union on the party's Knesset list in a slot no lower than 25.

The new candidate will be elected on Thursday in primaries held among the 17,000 immigrants registered as Labor members.

This move was recommended by a special committee consisting of party secretary-general Nissim Zvilli and Ministers Yossi Beilin, Binyamin Ben-Eliezer, and David Liba'i. Peres accepted the recommendation.

The results of this election are due to be released by 4 p.m. Thursday, four hours before the deadline for parties to present their Knesset lists to the Central Election Committee.

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# **Qatari minister: Peace possible only** with Jerusalem as capital of Palestine

A DAY before Israel and the PLO were to begin negotiations over the future of Jerusalem, a Qatari minister said yesterday that there would be no peace unless Jerusalem was the capital of a Palestinian state

Qatari Justice Minister Najib bin Mohammed Nacimi said there could be "no real final settlement between the Palestinians and the Israelis without. Jerusalem as the main capital of a Palestinian state."

Naeimi spoke at Bir Zeit University in Ramallah where he signed a deal on behalf of the Gulf state pledging funds to pay for an international law center and new library for the West Bank university. His comments on Jerusalem were greeted by applause from the 150 faculty members present at the signing

On Friday, Nacimi visited Orient House in Jerusalem, after praying at Al-Aksa. He was welcomed at the PLO headquarters in the capital by members of the Palestinian Council, including Hanan

ISRAEL has the right to exist next

to a Palestinian state under certain

conditions, imprisoned Hamas

leader Sheikh Ahmed Yassin said

in an interview broadcast on

"There can be peace... We

Friday.

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Ashrawi and Ziyad Abu Zayyad. "My visit is both official and personal," Naeimi said upon entering Orient House. "I have come to support the Palestinian Authority's position of establishing a Palestinian state with Jerusalem as its capital."

Naeimi, who arrived on Thursday, also met Friday with PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat in Gaza.

Naeimi confirmed that he had met with some Israelis during his visit, but said he had no official connections with the Israeli government while here. Faisal Husseini, who holds the Jernsalem portfolio

in the PA, said there was nothing unusual about the Qatari minister visiting Orient House. "We host political figures from all over the world and we are happy to receive the Qatari justice minister." Both Husseini and Ashrawi condemned Israel for

delaying IDF redeployment from Hebron. "It is not a good sign," Husseini said. Ashrawi said Israel "was violating the Oslo Accords" on the Hebron issue, but emphasized that it was a separate issue from the final status talks, which should start today as scheduled.



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A Lebanese army soldier watches as a power transformer from France is unloaded in Beirut's port on Friday.

Yassin: Israel has right to Zvilli: Netanyahu deceiving public exist under certain conditions LABOR Secretary-General

Nissim Zvilli slammed Likud leader Binyamin Netanyahu yesterday for "once again trying to lead the public astray."

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Zvilli was referring to Netanyahu's statements over the weekend that he would increase the number of Jewish settlers in Hebron and add more settlements. Zvilli said this contradicted Netanyahu's previous pledges to continue the peace process and recognize the Oslo Accords.

He said Netanyahn's policy. according to the statements.

would "distort once, again the order of priorities set by the Rabin and Peres governments, redirect financial resources from the needy quarters, the Negev and the Galilee, to the villas of the settlers in Judea and Samaria, blow up the peace process, and cause 1.8 million Palestinians to return to the course of terror-

Zvilli charged Netanyahu with "either deceiving the public yet again, when he said he would

MICHAL YUDELMAN advance the peace process, or [lacking] a minimal understand-ing of political processes as a

result of his inexperience." Pritte Minister Shimon Peres refused to be interviewed on Channel 2's Friday night progrant, to which Netanyahu was invited as well, leaving the stage clear for the exclusive appearance of the opposition's candidate for prime minister.

Labor campaign sources said yesterday that it is Peres's policy

not to be interviewed in programs with the opposition head, so as not to grant Netanyahu an equal sta-

Peres and Netanyahu will take part in one television debate on May 26.

Today, Labor and Meretz intend to sign a surplus vote agreement in the Knesset, as they did in the previous elections.

The agreement is to be signed by Meretz's Knesset faction chairman MK Ran Cohen and his Labor counterpart MK Ra'anan Cohen

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of a return to 1967 borders, the removal of settlements, and Jerusalem becoming the capital of Palestine as the basis of a renew-Yassin implied that Hamas would recognize an agreement

Authority and Israel which gave the Palestinians their rights. He said be respects the Palestinian National Council's decision to amend its covenant, which calls for the destruction of Israel, since the alternative would be to fight against the PA, which

seven years ago for sanctioning attacks on IDF soldiers, did not

define the borders of Israel he

deems acceptable, but Hamas

spokesmen in the past bave talked

he said he finds unacceptable. Yassin said he recognized Yasser Arafat as the head of the PA, explaining "If I don't accept Abu Ammar as president of the state of Palestine and leader of the Palestinian people, the meaning would be that I accept Israel in his place." Hamas rejected the PNC's order to amend the covenant. Yassin's role as Hamas leader has been overtaken by more radical elements who prefer to fight the PA than accept it. Gaza Chief of Prevenuve Security Mohammed Dahlan said yesterday that the armed wing of Hamas had plotted to blow up buildings and properues of the Palestinian Authority as well as assassinate Arafat and other figures including security chief Musa Arafat. "We have arrested almost all the members of the Hamas armed underground, but we are not arresting anybody who is not involved in planned attacks," Dahlan said. Syrian papers: **Punish Israel** for 'brutal crimes' in Lebanon DAMASCUS (AP) - State-run Syrian newspapers have called for Israel to be punished for its "bru-tal crimes" in Lebanon. At least 91 refugees were killed April 18 when Israel shelled a UN compound at Kana in south Lebanon. Israel said its gunners actually had been targeting terrorists 300 meters from the compound. Referring to the report, the daily Tishrin wrote yesterday: "All evidence and facts disclose that the criminal deliberately commined his crimes against the displaced Lebanese." *Tishrin* wrote that Israeli leaders should be brought to an international court to face charges in the massacre. Another government-run news-paper, Al-Thawra, demanded international sanctions against Israel, accusing it of "state-orga-nized terrorism." The Arab League secretary-general Dr. Ismat Abdel Magid last week was quoted in the London-based Al-Hayat that the Kana killings were "worse than Nazi methods during World War Two."

# Five die in weekend road accidents

FIVE people died and six were injured as a result of weekend traffic accidents.

Arik Turgeman, 27. of Rishon Tezion died yesterday morning of lajuries suffered when he was hit by a Dan company bus in Tel Aviv last week.

On Friday, an Australian tourist was killed and three other people suffered light to serious injuries in an accident near Kibbutz Nahshon, near the Latrun Junction. The accident occurred when the tourist, who worked as a sheep shearer at Mazkeret Bayta, was visiting the kibbutz along with another tourist and two with manslaughter. Israelis. When the four left the kibbutz, their car overturned, ously injured last night when he killing the man and injuring the ran into the middle of the street in Ramie and was struck by a car. He was taken to Sheba Hospital at Tel Hashomer. A four-year-old boy others. Police are investigating whether they were drunk at the time of the accident. Early yesterday morning, two people were killed near Kibbutz he was struck by the shovel of a tractor which fell on him. He was Ein Gev, with one of them identified as Jinji Hamced, 21, of Kfar also taken to Tel Hashomer, and Shibli.

man, who was speeding to the scene of an accident in which he had been told his father had been killed, escaped unhurt Thursday after his car overturned twice. Sbalom Gabsi, 68, of Mostiav Azrikam was killed when a semitrailer driven by a Rahat man backed up over him.

When his son, Eli, beard about the accident he jumped into his car and drove quickly down the winding road between the moshavim. Near Be'er Tuvia, he lost control and overturned twice, but escaped injury. The driver of the semitrailer is to be charged

A seven-year-old boy was seri-

police launched an investigation

Senior Saudi cleric blasts US, Israel

The Jerusalem Post Sunday, May 5, 1996

## in sermon

MANAMA, Bahrain (AP) - In an unusually outspoken sermon, a leading Saudi clergyman attacked Israel and the US, saying US-sponsored .... Middle East peace moves were biased in Israel's favor.

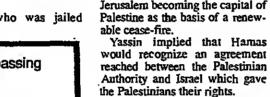
Addressing an estimated one million worshipers in the Grand Mosque in Mecca on Friday, Sheikh Saleh bin Hamid said it should come as no surprise if a new generation of Arab "terrorists" and "extremists" emerge as a result of last month's Israch bombardment in Lebanon. Sheikh Saleh's sermon, excerpts of which were published in Saudi

newspapers yesterday, was exceptionally outspoken by the standards of Saudi Arabia, the US's closest Arab ally. His remarks reflected Arab ire at the Clinton administration's failure to quickly halt the Israeli offensive. That, many Arabs argue, underlined what they perceive as the administration's lack of even-hand the Middle East. "From the womb of these tragedies will come all sorts of violence, bloodletting ... How can you rule out that terrorists and extremists will emerge from the corpses and destroyed bouses?" he asked. "What kind of peace is this one which will turn the region into a mine of cheap labor and a consumer market without a will of its own?" Referring to the US as "the decision-making party," Sheikh Saleh said US Middle East policies "will not bring about peace and will not silence was seriously injured Friday when the oppressed.

JON IMMANUEL

and let me live to tranquillity there will be peace between you and us. But there cannot be peace on the basis of subjugation." Yassin said on the Channel 1 interview.

should live next to the state of Israel... If you give me my rights Yassin, 60, who was jailed



May 2, 1996

### **WOLFRAM MARIA RAINER**

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### **WOLFRAM RAINER**

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> Ambassador Dr. Franz Bertele and the Staff of the German Embassy, **Tel Aviv**

Meanwhile, Lebanese President Elias Hrawi yesterday met President Hafez Assad to discuss the continued implementation of a cease-fire between Hizbullah and Israeli forces.

Although Syria was not directly involved in last month's fighting, it is the key power in Lebanon and its assent was needed to bring 16 days of fighting to an end April 27. Hrawi and Assad met in the northwestern city of Latakia on the Mediterranean coast.

No details were given of their agenda, but they were expected to discuss the formation of an international committee to supervise the truce.

into possible negligence. (Itim) Meanwhile, a Kiryat Malachi

### **NEWS IN BRIEF**

Jamchee questioned about gambling Maccabi Tel Aviv basketball player Doron Jamchee was questioned by police Thursday regarding the alleged illegal sports gambling operation. Maccabi Tel Aviv basketball team chairman Shimon Mizrahi, who accompanied Jamchee - who is also the captain of the Israeli national team - told Army Radio that police at the National Crimes Investigation Unit in Petah Tikva "wanted to check a few things with him, and that's what happened." Jamchee is the first basketball player to be interrogated about the matter, following the questioning of 11 Itim National League soccer players in the past week.

### Casbah stabber caught

The stabber of Nissim Gidawi, the 72-year-old man attacked in the Hebron casbah on Wednesday, was arrested Friday by the Palestinian police in Bethlehem, Israel TV reported last night. Gidawi, from Kiryat Arba, was shopping in the Arab vegetable market when the assailant stabbed him in the back and fled. He was seriously wounded. The television identified the suspect as lyad Salah, from Bethlehem, and quoted police sources as saying he was already being tried. The stabbing renewed demands from settlers. and others to stop IDF redeployment from Hebron. Jon Immaniel

#### **IDF shells S. Lebanon infiltrators**

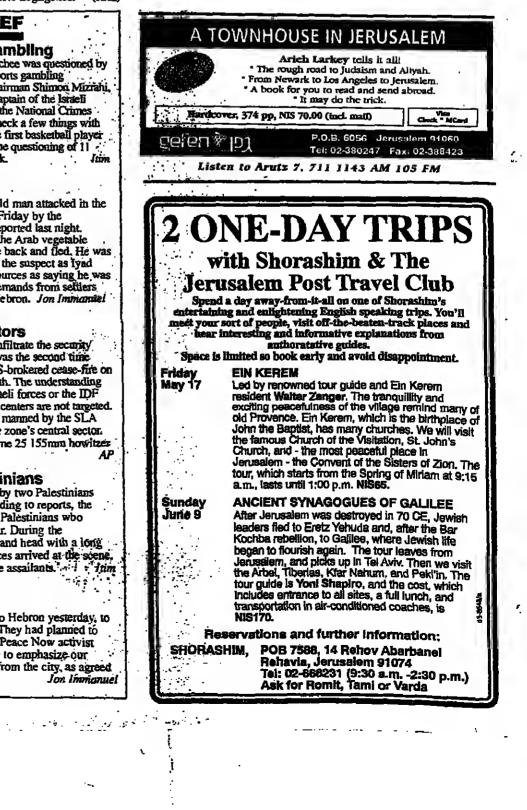
IDF antillery fired on gunmen attempting to infiltrate the security zone yesterday, security sources reported. It was the second time Israeli forces have been in action since the US-brokered cease-fire on April 26 that ended Operation Grapes of Wrath. The understanding does not preclude gummen from attacking Israeli forces or the IDF firing back provided civilians and population centers are not targeted. The security sources said an outpost at Sojod manned by the SLA spotted infiltrators in the Iqmata Valley, in the zone's central sector. They called in Israeli artillery support and some 25 155mm howitzer shells were fired, the sources reported. AP

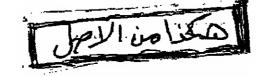
#### Taxi driver stabbed by Palestinians

A taxi driver was stabbed Friday afternoon by two Palestinians near Tulkarm. He was lightly injured According to reports, the driver stopped his car to talk to the the two Palestinians wbo flagged him down and offered to buy bis car. During the conversation, they stabbed him in his body and head with a long screwdriver, then stole his car. Security forces arrived at the scene, treated the driver and began searches for the assailants. ... + Itim -----

#### Peace Now visits Hebron

Peace Now activists paid a solidarity visit to Hebron yesterday, to press for an IDF withdrawal from the city. They had planned to tour the city, but were blocked by soldiers. Peace Now activist Prof. Galia Golan told her hosts, "We came to emphasize our determination to see an Israeli withdrawal from the city, as agreed in the City as agreed in the Oslo accords." Jon Immonuel Criticism of the US is rare in the oil-rich kingdom, whose government does not tolerate any form of dissent and exercises tight control over the media





### The Jerusalem Post

# Rubinstein to Netanyahu: Promise not to make Sharon defense minister SARAH HONIG

EDUCATION Minister Amnon Rubinstein on Wednesday challenged Likud chairman Binyamin Netanyahu to announce openly that "should he be elected prime minister he will not appoint [Likud MK Ariel] Sharon to the post of defense minister."

Rubinstein's demand came in the wake of an affidavit by MK Ze'ev (Benny) Begin, which casts new doubt on Sharon's contention that he did not mislead the -government in 1982, when he was defense minister, about the ulti-'mate goals of Operation Peace 'for Galilee.

Sharon denied he had planned to reach Beirut from the outset, and said the offensive developed due to the situation on the .ground. The government approved every phase of the war, he added.

· Ruhinstein maintained that Sharon had lied and misled late prime minister Menachem Begin, who agreed to a limited campaign

"zero security."

'Gaza.'

Israel is down to zero."

THE Likud will kick off its election campaign this

morning with a wide-ranging offensive headlined

The title is inspired hy a statement by Labor campaign chief Binyamin Ben-Eliezer, who, after

the wave of bus bombings that "personal security in

The campaign will begin with newspaper ads not-

ing that Palestinian Authority President Yasser

"Arafat this week released Awad Silmi, the murder-

er of Lt.-Col. Meir Mintz, and [Prime Minister

Shimon] Peres reacted by easing the closure on

of 40 kilometers into Lebanon. "Sharon is unfit to serve as defense minister and since he is now so high on the Likud list there is a distinct danger that he will be again appointed to the Defense Ministry.

"If Netanyahu is seeking the public's trust, he must then make elear that he will not again allow Sharon to a position from which he can mislead the government," Ruhinstein said.

The official Likud line on the issue was stated hy former prime minister Yitzhak Shamir in a radio interview over the holiday in which he argued that "no one is interested in events that took place 14 years ago while our house is hurning right now. Israel's concern must be the abysmal presem security situation and not

events which are today irrelevant. "We must dwell not on the past

Likud campaign kicks off today

SARAH HONIG

but concentrate on existential issues in the present to assure our future."

According to Likud sources, Netanyahu has no intention of being provoked by Meretz. Another Meretz initiative, by its Knesset faction chairman Ran Cohen, has called for a state commission of inquiry to investigate Sharon's actions in 1982.

Netanyahu will not reply and Likud sources say he will do his best to deep freeze the feud between Sharon and Begin and not get dragged into it, especially as he personally was not involved in the Lebanon war.

Nevertheless, several Liknd sources have intimated that there is no intention of appointing Sharon as defense minister, and Sharon knows this and has no claims on the post. However, for Netanyahn to de-

clare this would be a severe hlow to Sharon's prestige which Netanyahu has no interest in delivering.

BEIRUT (Reuter) - French President Jacques Chirac began a historic visit to Lebanon yesterday, saying France would not rest until Lebanon's sovereignty was fully restored over all its territory.

On the first official visit by a French president to the Middle East country which was a French protectorate until 1943, Chirac old the Lebanese partiament France was deeply attached to its independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity.

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"I know your fear that a peace worked out elsewhere could decide Lebanon's fate and not allow. it to recover its full sovereignty," Chirac said...''I am not ignorant of the reasons for this fear for the fnture...

France believes Syria and Lebanon will sign peace deals with Israel in 1996, and Chirac indicated that France would watch over Lebanon's interests.

"Any peace which you do not freely adhere to and which does not recognize your sovereign rights will be a lost peace," Chirac said.

He repeated a French offer of troops to help guarantee the fron-

and 1,000 IDF soldiers are sta- tier between Lebanon and Israel tioned in the country to maintain after they sign peace if the two France already has peacekeep-

ing troops in the 4,650-member UN Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) which Chirac will visit today in the security zone. Chirac told the parliament he felt a number of Lebanese feared

for the existence of their country, but he believed the time for reconciliation had come.

Referring to concerns of the Christian minority, which emerged defeated from the civil war, he urged all Lebanese to take part in parliamentary elections due in the autumn.



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## Perry to Mubarak in Cairo: No US-Israel defense pact

the Palestinians.

CAIRO (Reuter) - US Defense Secretary William Perry discussed ways to fight Middle East militant violence with Egypt's Resident Hosni .Mubarak.on Wednesday, and afterwards de-nied that the US had made any secret defense agreement with Israel.

"There have been some media reports of some sort of secret defense pact hetween the United States and Israel, and those reports are simply wrong," Perry told reporters after a 90-minute meeting with Mubarak.

"They are not true. Let me say that clearly and unconivocall

Peres, according to the Likud offensive, "is continuing his policy of failure and is allowing Arafat to set free those Hamas terrorists he had ostensibly placed under arrest immediately following the latest terrorist outrages."

Six of the 13 terrorists on the most-wanted list were never detained by Arafat, the Likud argues. The list had been submitted to Arafat after the bus bombings by Chief ot General Staff Lt.-Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak.

Of the seven taken into PLO custody, one has already been released and the others are due to be let loose in the next few days, Likud sources said.

### **Osem workers** help fund surgery for Lebanese girl

### JUDY SIEGEL

A 14-YEAR-OLD, girl from southern Lebanon underwent a life-saving heart operation a few days age at Beersheba's Soroka Hospital that was funded by Osem workers and the hospital.

was born with a serious congenital heart defect; her condition deteriorated in recent months.

are trying to develop nuclear. Her father, who works at the Osem factory in Petah Tikva, weapons, who are working to stop peace programs," he said. tried to get another Israeli hospital to do the surgery. But, accord-



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Kiana Yunes, of Hatzbava.

he said, adding that the US was committed oot only to the security of Israel, but to its other frieods in the area, including Egypt.

Perry, who flew to Cairo on Tuesday for talks on defense ues between Egypt and Washington, said he and Muharak discussed militant violence in the region including a threat by Hamas to continue suicide hombings in Israel.

The Pentagon has said previonsly that it is providing increased intelligence to Israel and other states to help fight militant groups opposed to the peace agreements between Israel and

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al program to eliminate nuclear weapons has to be comprehensive and has to include all those nations."

Egyptian newspapers have said

the US's role as an honest broker

in the Middle East would be un-

dermined by a security pact they say it will sign with Israel.

Asked whether the US snp-

ported Arab states in pressing Is-

rael over its suspected nuclear

weapons capability, Perry instead

stressed US concern over weap-

"In the Middle East there are rogue nations. Iran and Iraq, who

ons programs in Iran and Iraq.

Perry later met Defense Minister Mohammed Hussein Tantawi to discuss an agreement to sell 21 American F-16 fighter jets and a third naval frigate to Egypt in support of what Perry told reporters was "a keystone state" for peace in the Middle East. The package, to be paid from

Washington's \$1.3 billion annual military aid to Egypt, is part of continuing US efforts to back moderate Arab states. Perry said in January that the

US would lease 16 older F-16s to Jordan.

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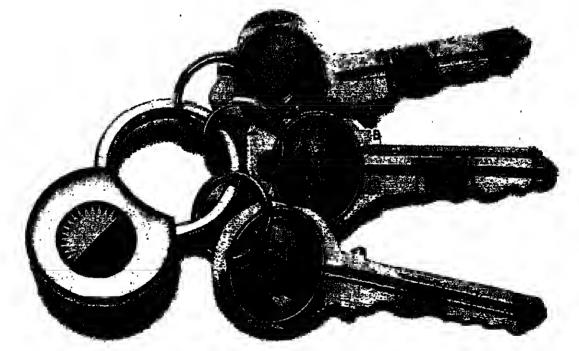
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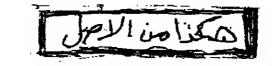
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## Certification of a fraud

THERE is something almost amusing about President Bill Clinton's certification of the PLO's compliance with its commuments to Israel under the Oslo agreements. Not so much because this pro forma certification is a politically motivated exercise which has little to do with the facts, but because its language is almost identical with that of the State Department's laudatory report on the PLO last June.

At the time, the administration praised the PLO's great strides in restraining terrorism and punishing those responsible for carrying it out. "If measures such as those that were put into place during this reporting period are sustained, they will have a lasting effect on security and stahility," said the report. And although the State Department was "unable to verify all of these claims of pre-emption of terrorism ... we do have evidence that the PA is making a serious effort to prevent serious attacks."

Now it is known that all those highly praised PLO "measures" against terrorism were nothing more than a charade staged for the benefit of gullible Western observers and the world media. The PLO's main efforts in the past year have been concentrated on persuading Hamas not to embarrass the Palestinian Authority hy launching terrorist attacks at the wrong time and from the wrong areas. It has made no attempt to truly comhat terrorism against Israel.

There is, however, a difference in the reaction of the American Jewish community to the administration's report. This time the Jewish lobby, AIPAC - without actually criticizing the President's report - has issued a statement citing PLO violations and demanding that Yasser Arafat "take further immediate and radical steps to comply fully with these commitments. ' This is the first time since the signing of the Oslo agreements that a major Jewish organization has joined the Zionist Organization of America - hitherto a lone voice in the Jewish establishment - in decrying PLO noncompliance.

The litany of what Yasser Arafat must do to truly comply with the Oslo agreements is well known. AIPAC points out that mass arrests of

Islamic radicals have been of short duration, with most of those arrested soon released. It says, too, that if Arafat wants to be viewed as a fighter against terrorism, he cannot have cordial relations with Hamas; he must eliminate the clauses in the Palestinian Covenant which call for dismantling Israel; and he cannot continue to use a logo in official documents depicting Israel as part of "Palestine."

Arafat must also stop praising terrorists as martyrs and heroes, cease the preposterous allegations of Israeli complicity in Islamic terror attacks against Israel, stop calling for jihad against Israel, stop threatening the renewal of armed conflict, and stop referring to the Oslo agreement as part of the "phased plan" to destroy Israel. The PLO must dismantle the terrorist organizations' infrastructure, arrest the leaders of Hamas and Islamic Jihad, and outlaw these organizations and confiscate their weapons.

That AIPAC has seen fit to differ from the administration on the issue of PLO compliance is encouraging. It means that its assessment of the facts on the ground is more realistic than it has been. In fact, it reflects what Israelis think of Arafat's efforts.

According to a Gallup poll commissioned three weeks ago hy Independent Media Review and Analysis (IMRA), less than seven percent of Israel's Jews helieve Arafat has kept his ohligations, while an overwhelming majority of respondents (over 90%) said that Arafat had either not met them at all or has done ''less than necessary." Even of those who had voted for Meretz in 1992, 71% said Arafat had done less than necessary and 5.7% said he had done nothing.

Such opinions among people who pay in blood for Arafat's policies should give Clinton pause. True, the US has bet all its chips on Arafat, and Clinton lent presidential prestige to the famous handshake. In fact, the whole Oslo process depends on Arafal's survival (which in itself renders the agreement hopelessly flawed). But agreements based on fraud cannot last, and there is no greater fraud than Arafal's "war on lerrorism.

# **Conceptual bondage**

### MARK A. HELLER

campaign of that sort would be any more decisive this time. Hence, it has little to suggest except more of the same futile mix of diplomatic appeals, vague threats and low-intensity combat on the ground, until that far-off day when a comprehensive agreement with Syria is signed, ratified hy the Knesset, approved in a ref-

necessary to concede the limited utility of military force or to consider the logical flaws of strategy based on the fallacy of the last

move. It's enough to sound tough. IT would be conforting to think that it is the election campaign that prevents a more sober discussion of this problem, but even between elections there is another alterna-

There is another alternative that should be considered but never is leaving Lebanon.

The opposition, of course, does not feel bound by either the established rules or the political scenario. Instead, it demands security now, and its recipe is simple; unleash the IDF and let Israel's generals solve this problem, just as - so the old story implies - they could have solved the problem of Vietnam. The rest of us are not told what the critics think removing restraints would mean - more artillery and air power, temporary ground operations north of the zone, permanent enlargement of the zone (up to 40 kilometers?),

punishment of Hizbullah's sponsors in Damascus and Tehran - or how it would actually checkmate Hizbullah. But when people are insecure and the government is

asks for American help. At the

government meeting this week it

was noted with satisfaction that

Syria has acceded to Israel's pleas.

conveyed to Damascus through

the US. This is how the govern-

ment valiantly fights terrorism on

American Bottom Archeology

Iceberg Utilization (1978)

its way to peace.

tive that should be considered but never is - leaving Lebanon. There are weighty reasons against a uni-lateral withdrawal. Israel's image and self-image would suffer if it were seen to be chased out, and it cannot afford, either as a moral or a practical matter, to leave without making provisions for its Lebanese allies. But, the major argument against a pullout seems to be the belief that if the IDF doesn't stay and fight north of the border, even more Israelis, including civilians, will be killed south of the border. This assumption comes from

viewing Lebanon through an obspicte looking-ghess, fashioned in the 1970s and early 180s, when southern Lebauon, was controlled by Palestinian militias, guarillas, vulnerable to criticism, it's not commandos and assorted other

terrorists and gangsters dedicated to the "liberation of Palestine." But since then (and largely as a result of the 1982 invasion), these Palestinians have been displaced by Lebanese, whose objective is to liberate Lebanon.

Of course, there can be no ironclad guarantee that peace and quiet will prevail along the northern bor-der if the security zone is put out of business. Some Hizbullah fanatics may always want to strike a hlow for jihad, but its rank-and-file will sarely be less committed to getting Israel out of Israel than they are to getting Israel out of Lebanon. And the Lebanese government, which will almost certainly deploy in the south with Syrian approval, will have both the incentive and the ability to prevent Hizbullah military action and avoid the Israch retaliation that would threaten its own new-found control in the south.

In short, there is every likelihood that the situation would be preferable to the current low-level war that promises a few casualties every week, with no end in sight. For years, the main obstacle to a fundamental reassessment of Istaeli policy in Lebanon has been ensivement to old thinking on both sides of the political divide. If we can free ourselves of this conceptual bondage, then perhaps next Pessah, we can also celebrate our departure from Lebanon.

The Wiles is statist testanth associate at the Jaffer Center for Strategic Studies at Tel Aviv University. -

Ron Brown

THE death of US Commerce Secretary Ron Brown in Bosnia tragically removes L one of the most dynamic members of President Bill Clinton's cabinet. The tributes pouring into Washington from all over the world are all the warmer because most of those leaders sending them have seen this fast-moving American official personally engaged in helping their countries, in line with his vision that trade is a powerful tool for ending conflict. From the Middle East to Northern Ireland, South Africa, India and Hong Kong, the senior national leaders expressed their awe at Brown's dynamic involvement in trying to help them -"a real mover and shaker, he was just so committed to us" said Northern Ireland's Economics Minister Baroness Denton. South Africa's Finance Minister Trevor Manuel said there was no individual in such a powerful position in the world who showed so much interest in the newly democratic country.

black Harlem to be become one of the most brilliant politicians in the United States and probably its finest ever trade minister. He was the first black American to chair one of the two

had just won a quick, elegant victory, and the United States was still stuck in the quagmire of Vietnam. Desperate for some way to end the war and stop the bloodletting, President Lyndon Johnson - so the story goes - turned to Levi Eshkol and offered a trade: General Motors and General Electric for General Dayan and General Rabin. It's just an Israeli joke. of course, typical of the selfcongratulatory mood of those erendum, and implemented. days, but it is relevant to the pseudo-debate about Lebanon that goes on for a few days after every major outbreak of violence in the North. True, Lebanon is no longer the quagmire for Israel that it was

before 1985, but it remains a constant source of aggravation and pain, like Chinese water torture. The events of the past few weeks simply confirm a timeworn pattern: when attacks against the IDF and/or SLA inside the security zone can no longer be ignored, Israel responds by striking at Hizbullah personnel or facilities north of the zone, and when these actions produce damage or casualties to the civilian population there, Hizbullah responds hy

launching Katyushas into northern

Israel. At this point, politicians

declare that the situation is intoler-

able, it cannot continue, and

But the government is in a bind,

because Hizbullah generally plays by the rules which israel accepted

at the end of Operation Accountability in 1993, and it sees

no reason to assume that another

something must be done.

in the summer of 1967, Israel

Ron Brown emerged from the poverty of

Sir, - It is always with great plea-

sure that I read Susan Hattis Rolef's

well-balanced articles. 1 wish to

thank her most warmly for her arti-

However, why do they hesitate in a

moment of confusion, then respond

weakly, when I point out their al-

most total indifference to many oth-

er causes of suffering in Israel such

as wife-hanering and the carnage on

Sir, - Hats off to your editorial

page editor. Entitling Mitchell Bard's column on March 12 "Sheer

stupidity" and placing it next to Susan Hattis Rolef's was perfect. If

ever there were a column demon-

strating sheer stupidity, it was hers.

traught because their loved ones

have been blown to bits doesn't de-

serve mass hysteria. (In countless

conversations over the last two

weeks, intense anger is the term 1

would use to describe what I have

heard. Perhaps her friends are more

prone to hysteria than mine.) Yes,

Ms. Rolef, I. and most of us, con-

demn had driving, spouse battering,

rape, incest and a host of other

crimes, dangerous practices and so-

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Perhaps seeing 60 families dis-

MICKEY LOEB

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

**CRUCIAL WARS** 

#### major parties and was the driving force behind the Democrats' campaign that won President Clinton the 1992 election.

As commerce secretary, Brown carried out a department overhaul that was compared with the remaking of General Motors. The once derided 36,000-strong bureaucracy was honed into an aggressive promoter of American exports. Across the country corporate CEOs expressed satisfaction with his unrelenting drive.

As President Clinton has so often and so warmly identified with tragedy here, all Israelis will have no hesitation in endorsing Prime Minister Shimon Peres's expression of grief at "the loss of a true friend of Israel, a man who contributed so much," and at the terrible loss of 32 other husiness leaders and officials in the Bosnian crash.

'srael wants peace. We all want peace. Indeed, Israel has already signed two peace treaties. One with Egypt, concluded hy the Likud under Menachem Begin with Labor's support, and one with Jordan, signed hy Labor in Lebanon, with unmitigated gall. headed hy Yitzhak Rahin with the instructs Galilec inhabitants to go Likud's support. We paid a heavy down to their shelters for three days until the Hizbullah's revenge price for these peace treaties, and we signed them only after ensuris complete. ing that our security would not be

compromised. Today, after a few years of intensive brainwashing, it seems that no one asks about the meaning of peace, or the price of peace, or the dangers to Israel's very existence from the peace we seem eager to achieve, at any price, with Arafat and Syria. Most important, no one asks if the Arabs truly want peace with Israel. And those who dare wonder about these things are

instantly labeled "yesterday's "an enemy of peace." man." panic monger," and worse. Our streets are flooded with slogans: "Peace will win," "A whole generation demands peace." And Arafat answers them in Stockholm, speaking before 40 Arab diplomats: "We shall cause by a joint Syrian-Egyptian decla-Israel's collapse after we bring ration announcing their collabomillions of Palestinian refugees allowed to return according :o the Oslo agreement...we shall make the Jews' lives so difficult that they will want to emigrate."

"We are strong. We must combat terrorism but continue with the peace process," say smug govern-ment ministers. But then the

### POSTSCRIPTS

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nal Romances (1981)

ARIEL SHARON

An empty peace

Katyushas fall in Nahariya and and cut the ribbon. What could Kiryat Shmona without Israeli be better a month before the elecresponse, and the Hizbullah leader tions?

But Egypt and Arafat, apparently in the name of peace, persuaded Tunisia to withdraw from this agreement. The prime minister was forced to be satisfied with a "bistoric" trip to Oman, with which we have had close relations for 20 years, and which has

The inhabitants, whom the government can no longer protect, dutifully obey the order, and the government, this time less cocky,

already been visited hy an Israeli No one asks if the Arabs truly want peace with Israel.

> premier; and to Qatar, a one-foreign-oil-company emirate. The visit may be important, but it hardly contributes to Israel's security. "Peace, peace," the people shout, oblivious to the awful-dangers to Israel'a very existence. "Give us peace so we can enjoy

"Peace is a vital component in Israel's security." the governtraveling, shopping, gamhling. ment declares. And it is answered What happens tomorrow doesn't matter, as long as we can have peace now. The day after the terrible bomb-

ration in a concerted effort to ing in Jerusalem, presumably responding to the Israeli pining for neutralize Israel's nuclear capahility for the purpose of enfecpeace, Arafat's newspaper El Hayat al Jadida wrote: "It may be bling us. In preparation for the elections, the US exerted all the influence at its command to prespossible to extract political objec-tives from the Israeli bodies, and sure Tunisia to let Israel open an turn them into liberated -Palestinian land." embassy there. The prime minister was supposed to tand in Tunis

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larynx and left her unable to talk.

THERE IS not one word about peace among Arabs. In the Arab press there isn't even a hint of a desire for reconciliation. And here the youth are force-fed the notion that the Arabs want neace the way we do, that they are our friends, our contrades, our allies. "Peace which entails ruling

another people will not achieve security for Israel," the government declares, and it receives an immediate response on the Taiba football field. A mob of thousands of Palestinians - citizens of Israel, not the unemployed in Gaza, nor the "hungry" in Hebron - nots and yells "Death to the Jews, we are all Yihye Ayyash." And again the government does not respond. It wants peace, and besides it's pre-election time, so Taiba favors it with another reminder within the week, this time in Ramat Gan. It seems we will have to withdraw from Taiba, too. And what about Tira, Umm el-Fahm, Nazareth, Sakhnin? Isracli Arabs are already demanding "cultural autonomy." And this is just the beginning.

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And perhaps this nation will open its eyes and understand that the Palestinians and Syrians, and pechaps Arabs in general, do not yet want peace. And perhaps the nation will rise at last against the national suicide to which this failing and dangerous government is leading all of us.

The writer, a Likud MK, is a former defense minister.

She has regained "some kind of voice, but it's not the same," her lawyer said. Connor's parents are

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by nations bent on destroying, killcle of March 12, "Those other crucial wars." It expresses my feelings ing and maiming us, give tacit support by our peace partner and treated People have been very concerned, too leniently by our government unand rightly so, about the suffering til recently is just not the same thing. caused by the suicide bombings.

Many of us are very angry, but not hysterical, because we wanted peace, voted for and trusted our government, accepted its claims that the Palestinian Autonomy would work, supported withdrawal, listened to people such as Ms. Rolef say how this would work for the best and now find that the terror since the Oslo agreement is the worst in our country's history. At the shive call I made for two of the victims, sadness

of the victim or perpetrator.)

was the dominant emotion. Trying to shift our focus is

"Sheer stupidity," Ra'anana. STEPHEN J. KOHN

### JUSTICE

Sir, -1 would like to congratulate the courts on their alacrity in hringing to trial and judging Yigal Amir. I wonder why the same criteria were not applied to the Aryeh Deri case which has been dragging on for years and completely disappeared from public view. Could there be by any chance a political motivation? One hopes that justice will be pursued regardless, and all cases will be given the same unbiased treatment. DAVID BRASS

cite (And my reaction to your list of Netanya. **COURAGEOUS LEADER** Sir, - The American Jewish com-

horrors has nothing to do with the munity is lucky to have one leader race, religion, national origin or sex who is not afraid to speak the truth: Morton Klein, National President of But, a mass movement, sponsored the ZOA. Mr. Klein has been dep. :cated by many including those in leadership positions. These socalled leaders have the same negative cowardly attitude displayed by their predecessors 55-60 years ago. They have not learned one lesson from the past and are willing to sacrifice Israel, Jerusalem, and the tenets of Judaism in order to appease political opportunities.

When will more leaders join Mr. Klein in his courageous attempts to bring reason to the US role in the Middle East and 10 assure that Arafat stops his duplicity?

LOIS K. LEVY Philadelphia.

HAMAS INSTITUTIONS Sir, - While Hamas must be destroyed, the question remains: what is to be done with the clinics, schools and other potentially useful institutions that it operates? These should be seized and operated hy the Palestinian Authority, in the same way that the US government occasionally takes over organizations linked to organized crime. The donor nations should redirect a portion of their funding to the PA for this purpose, along with strict oversight to ensure that the institutions are purged of their radical Islamic and anti-Israeli character. PAUL KUJAWSKY

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The Jerusalem Post Friday, April 5, 1996

OPINION

HEN people asked me if I believed in God, 1'd

believe in the Almighty but 1 do

believe in the God of Israel.

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Unknown; but I do believe in the

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The God of Israel is Jewish wis-

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The God of Israel is the bitter

Jewish destiny binding us to each

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## **Immigrant** power

The same opinion polls that have been showing Labor's Shimon Peres leading the Likud's Binyamin Netanyahu by a narrow but sufficient lead to clinch the premiership, have also been showing Labor and the Likud, and their respective blocs, in a neck and neck race for the Knesset.

If this predicted standoff between the two blocs holds true on May 29, the elections may well result in a popularly elected Prime Minister Peres who will be unable to form a government coalition based only on Labor, Meretz and the Arab parties. Were Netanyahn to win, which is far from impossible, he too would find it impossible to form a majority government based only on his Likud, Moledet and the religious parties. In such a situation the small par-

ties in the middle, which under the new rules of the game have been denied the power to determine who will be prime minister, would still have the final say in determining the makeup of the coalition government.

The religious parties played this crucial political role for many years. More recently, they have lost part of that power because most religious voters have become closely identified with the Right. In the current elections, the new Third Way and the Yisrael Ba'aliya party of former Soviet immigrants may well perform that indispensable pivotal role between the two major blocs.

The Third Way, however, has so far failed to break out of the mold of a single issue party - that of opposition to windrawal from the Golan Heights in any deal with Syria - and to broaden its appeal to wider segments of the electorate. -

More sadly, it has also fallen victim to the "Dash (Democratic Movement for Change). Syndrome" in which the over, weening personal ambitions of those competing for a place on the. party's list have torpedoed the YOSEF GOELL

possibility of optimalizing its vote-drawing capacity. The polls have been giving it anywhere between two and four seats in the next Knesset, which might prove insufficient to grant it the role of indispensable swing party.

YISRAEL BA'ALIYA is a different story, but first I should take this opportunity to correct a mistake I made in my column of March 22 when I wrote that "...Natan Sharansky's Yisrael Ba'aliya party which originally touted itself as a party that would

Yisrael Ba'aliya could become the critical swing party in the next Knesset

also angle for the non-Russian vote instead chose an exclusive Russian list, giving up a broader role for a narrower but safer one." I was basing myself on media reports of the before midnight sults of the voting for the party's list. But in the voting for the list's second "troika" which continued past media deadlines, Zvi Weinberg, a ex-Canadian professor of French literature at Bar Ilan University and a veteran Soviet aliya activist, was elected to the number five slot after Sharansky, beating oot 21 other candidates. The polls have been giving Yisrael Ba'aliya five to six seats so Weinberg may well be in the

next Knesset. The immigrants from the former Soviet Union who arrived over the past six years number about 750.000, well over 13 percent of the electorate, or the equivalent of 16 Knesset seats. The Tazpit organization which specializes in surveying this gigantic community of affairs.

newcomers puts the proportion who say they will vote for Sharansky's party at 37-42 percent. This would mean about six to eight Knesset seats. Reaching such a size would certainly qualify Yisrael Ba'aliya to become the critical swing party in the next Knesset. Party activists meanwhile expect their popularity will grow

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even larger due to the "slap in the face" delivered to Russian immigrants by last week's failure of both major parties to include even one of their representatives in a realistic place on their lists. But Yisrael Ba'aliya does have

its detractors. Veteran Israelis and many new immigrants from the Soviet Union dismiss such an unabashed ethnic party as illegitimate in a melting pot Israel. This is a strange argument in a political system which has all along abetted religious, haredi, Arab and North African ethnic lists. A list of new Russian immigrants is no less legitimate than any of these other long-time inhabitants of our political map. The Russians are not only recent newcomers; they are different from most other waves of immigrants due to their extraordinary political sophistication. Although pollsters are agreed that a significant majority of former Soviet immigrants tend to the hawkish positions of the Right as opposed to Labor and the Left, Sharansky and his followers have refused to endorse either Peres or Netanyahu.

And the party's middle of the road position of supporting the peace process in principle while insisting on more stringent conditions and quid pro quos than those demanded from Arafat and Assad by the Peres government, may well recommend it to many frustrated noo-Russian centrist voters who find themselves confronted by the need to choose between cholera and the plague.

The writer comments on public

# The new philanthropy

### Jonuary to recent media reports and much hand-American, Jewish community, gifts to phil-

anthropics, supporting, Israel are not ebbing; they are shifting to those institutions that represent the new Ziemism now exclusion. The Ziemism defined by a one-

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as powerful as the earlier fears. Organizations that rely on the "good news campaign" of the new Zionism attract enthusiastic supporters.

Some organizations that support 31Ccessful fund-raising. In the past decade, our organization, the American Society for Techniou-Israel Institute of Technology, registered cumulative growth of 218 percent and raised more than \$323 million, including oearly \$200m. in the last five years. Why are these organizations successful? One reason is that their campaign is clearly based on "good news." Israeli universities are among the best in the world and supporters want to be associated with excellence. They also find it easy to respond to these organizations' message: Israel has only one significant natural resource its brainpower - and the country's educational institutions are the ones developing this resource. If the new model for Israel-Diaspora relations calls for a move away from traditional forms of philanthropy and toward part-

nership, higher education provides one such model. Supporters can see the visible results of their investments not only in the students whose scholarships they fund or the professors whose chairs they endow; they can also see it in the young stars who come out of these universities and establish and manage, companies that drive the economy condoct cutting edge research and take



# An ultimatum to God

YOSEF LAPID

to choose the Jews: it's not so odd, the Jews chose God!" It is not Man who was created in the image of God - God is the image of Man. It was not You who chose us, but we who chose You.

THE GOD of the Jews in whom I believe does not ask if I eat pittot at

### As long as Jews behaved as Jews, I was prepared to believe in Him

about the fate of the Jews of Sarajevo. He permits me to travel on the Sabbath, but insists I should accept with open arms every Jew who immigrates to Israel. He also gets by without my prayers but expects me to remember Jerusalem. And He knows that only two important events have occurred since the destruction of the Temple: the Holocaust and the emergeoce of the State of Israel.

Seder table millions of Jews in Tel Israel's God worries only about Aviv and New York, Toronto and Jews; He knows that there are Buenos Aires, Rabat and Paris, children starving to death in Londoo and Moscow, Sydney and Somalia but they are not within Johannesburg - all lifting their His purview. He has oever visited China, does not get involved io Him. This God, this kind of god, is the war in Bosnia. He is not unithe greatest invention of Jewish genius. Not for nothing did they versal, nor cosmopolitan, and is started. INVITATION For our British Friends to: The JIA Annual Pessah Open Day Monday, April 8 - Eilat/Ashkelon \* Visit Eilat Community Center

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who believes in persuasion, is ready for compromise, cautions against extremism, recoils from

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violence, understands that Life is the art of the possible. The Jews of this particular God can argue, fight and even hate, but they do not strike, sboot nor smash infants' brains against a wall, bury their foes alive, oor kill their leaders. There is a long cata-

And the God of Israel is the logue of things the geotiles do, mystic force which impels to the but not Jews. There is such a God. That was my contract with the God of the Jews: as long as his people behaved in a humane mode, as loog as Jews behaved as Jews, I was prepared to believe in

BUT THIS is where the schism

For some years now, there has arisen in our Holy Land a breed of Jews the like of whom we have not known, ever. anywhere. Merciless Jews, attacking, destructive Jews, killers, murderers. Jews who believe anything is allowed in the name of God. And not just permitted, but actually imperative. And not just imperative, but also holy.

These Jews perpetrate terrible deeds and are ready to do even more horrible things; they are not bumane, like the haredim whose grotesque worship of their deities bothers no one. They are cool, they shoot and smile; and they are convinced, like those Moslems who kill themselves in order to slay in the name of Allah, that everything they do is for the sanctification of the Almighty.

Jean-Paul Sartre wrote in Words that "for some years I maintained relations poblicly with the Lord of the Universe; but privately 1 stopped keeping cootact with

And so, I hereby deliver an ultimatum to the God of Israel: either You abandon these Jews who perform awful deeds relying on You and are preparing, in Your name, eveo worse atrocities, or 1 break off cootact with You.

And, in the words of Heinrich Heice, You should forgive me, for this is my professioo.

The writer is a journalist with

unique people. But He is a humane God. That is His most outstanding quality. As long as that attribute is preserved,

I live at peace with Him. He has imbued His people with toleraot And it was a hard choice. wisdom which relates compassionately to ournan frailties, with

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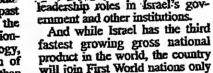
tionship with Israel will be bouit on shared values and interests and on a new form of partnership with a thriving Israel.

Historically, American Jews supported fund-taising campaigns for Israel to reclaim the land and provide a home for immigrants and a haven for Holocaust victims and other refugees from oppression. It's a far different land now. There are 62 Israeli companies quoted on US stock exchanges, a quoted on US STOCK exchanges, a number surpassed only by Canada. Multinational corporations are setting up companies in Israel at an impressive pace, with the computer giant Intel the latest to invest in operations that will generate an estimated \$1 billion in revenues a year.

If mitil now fund-raising for Israel was based on bad news, then does the good news coming out of Israel mean that its centrality in our lives will crode? Recently, the prominent Israeli author A.B. Yehoshna bluntly told a group of American Jewish supporters: "We don't need you!" We don't believe that.

WE BELIEVE Israel needs us now as much as ever, but differently than before. It needs us as hands-on partners in its road to economic independence. The American Jewish community is already evolving a new Zionism, one based positive motivations

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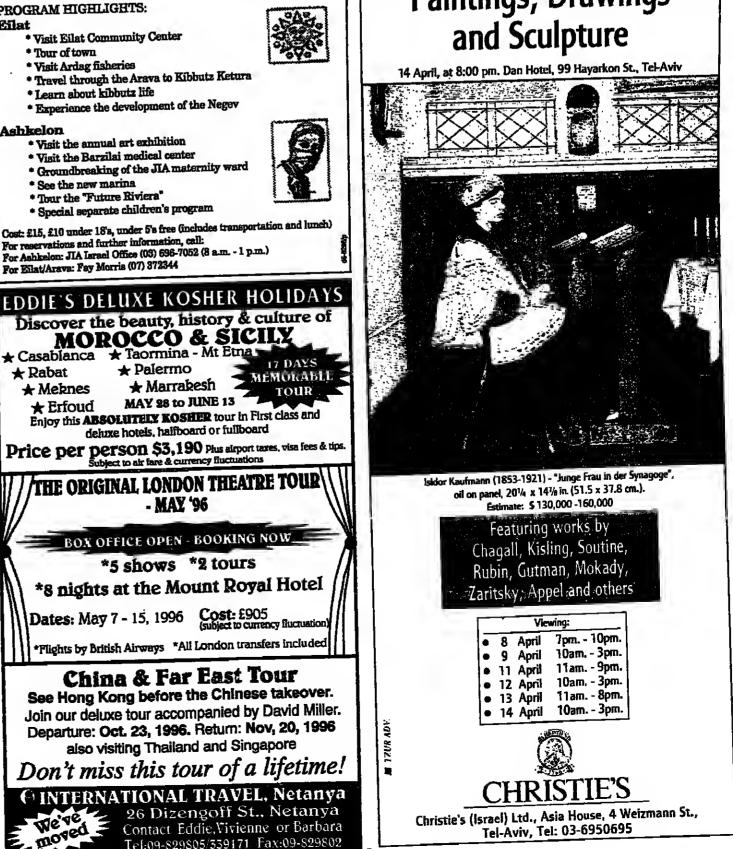
will join First World nations only if we help it continue to invest heavily in education, research and infrastructure. The fear-driven 20th century warning that the natioo's survival means sacrificial philanthropy is

being supplanted by a prideful 21st century Zionism that calls for active, hands-on partnership. The new thriving Israel can be as much of a magnet drawing sup-port from American Jewry as a beleagured Israel struggling for survival had been.

The writers are the the national president of the American Society for Technion-Israel Institute of Technology and its executive vice president

## quip at Oxford: "How odd of God not a tender soul: He is a provin-

the daily Ma'ariv. Auction of 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> Century Paintings, Drawings





WORLD NEWS

The Jerusalem Post Friday, April 5, 1996



Unabomber suspect Ted John Kaczynski is arrested by by fedearl agents in Helena, Montana, late Wednesday night. Inset photo is from his graduating yearbook at Harvard in 1962.

# Unabomber suspect is former math professor

HELENA, Montana (AP) - A former Berkeley math professor suspected of being the Unabomber was charged vesterday with possessing the components of a bomb found in a search of his mountain cabin.

FBI and Burean of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms agents found "a partially completed pipe bomb" and chemicals and "diagrams and notes" for making pipe hombs in the home of Theodore John Kaczynski, according to an affidavit by FBI agent Donald J. Sachtleben. Kaczynski, 53. appeared in fed-

eral court late yesterday morning to bear the felony charged lodged against him.

The initial charge made no men-tion of the Unabomber's 18-year string of bombing attacks. Federal officials said it was designed to bold Kaczynski while agents put together a detailed case.

Sachtleben wrote that agents bad found a cylindrical object

wrapped in paper in a loft in the cabin.

"An X-ray of the package revealed what appears to me to be a partially completed pipe bomb. including threaded pipe, wire and other electrical components," Sachtleben wrote.

The Unabomber is thought to be responsible for three deaths and 23 injuries since 1978. The FBI gave the case the code name "Unaborn" because early targets were universities and airlines.

Ten three-ring binders were recovered filled with "page after page of meticulous writings and sketches which I recognize to be diagrams of explosive devices," Sechtleben wrote. The diagrams show cross-sections of pipe bombs and electrical circuitry. In addition, agents found galva-

nized metal, copper and plastic pipes, four of them with copper plates sealing one end, "one of the first steps in the construction of a pipe bomb." Sachtleben wrote.

Also recovered were potassium chlorate, sodium cholorate, aluminum powder, lead powder and silver oxide powder, all of which can be used in bombs, he added. Three rolled-up pieces of paper appeared to contain "logs of experiments to determine the optimum pipe dimension and combination of explosive materials in various weather conditions," Sachtleben wrote.

Kazcynski was taken into custody by federal agents Wednesday so they could search the cabin 80 kilometers northwest of here. He was not immediately placed under arrest or charged.

FBI agents had been staking out Kaczynski's band-built cabin near the Continental Divide for several weeks, ever since relatives in the Chicago area notified authorities that they had stumbled across

**IRA** stays

defiant

some of his old writings and found them similar to the Unabomber's anarchist manifestoes

A former assistant professor of mathematics at the University of California at Berkeley, Kaczynski graduated from Harvard when be was barely 20, and received a masler's degree and doctorate from the University of Michigan several years later. Academic-oriented and obsessed with technology, he fits the FBI profile of the suspect.

The cabin, with no electricity or plumbing, had been Kaczynksi's home for about a dozen years. Neighbors said be was a loner and a recluse, going everywhere on foot or on an old bicycle.

The Unabomber's spree began at Northwestern University in suburban Chicago in May 1978. The most recent of 16 attacks came April 24, 1995, when a timber industry executive was killed in Sacramento, California.

# Doctors warn of more brain disease

LONDON (Reuter) - Three sepa rate teams of scientists warn that people can probably get mad cow disease from eating beef and pre-dicted there would be more cases among those who tucked into sausages and burgers in the 1980s. The scientists, experts on dementia and brain diseases such as Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease (CID), are new to the public ebate over beef and brain disease. The warnings come today in the first publication of the report that last month prompted the British government to admit to possible links between beef and CID, and in two letters to the respected Lancet medical journal.

The expert doctors describe for the first time the new form of the fatal CJD.

Experts Nationa Creutzfeidt-Jakob Disease Surveillance Unit in Edinburgh said they feared the 10 victims of the new variant had become infected by eating beef and warned that more cases could arise. Mad cow disease, Bovine

Spongiform Encephalopatby (BSE), reached epidemic proportions in British herds in the 1980s and still infects thousands.

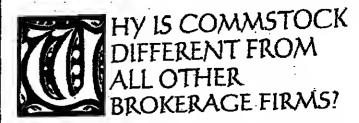
The government at first denied that people could get the disease by eating beef, but last month said it was possible after seeing an advance copy of the report from the CID Unit.

The European Union agreed tough measures on Wednesday to restore consumer confidence in beef because of the scare, but Britain was furious at its refusal to lift a ban on its cattle-related exports.

Britain's belief that the worldwide ban was not based on sound scientific grounds was given support by scientists meeting at the World Health Organisation.

They said there was no proven link between mad cow disease and CID and that, provided safety measures were followed, humans were not in danger.

The EU's plan is likely to mean the mass slaughter of at least 700,000 British cattle a vear over the next six years to ensure that mad cow disease cannot enter the human food chain.



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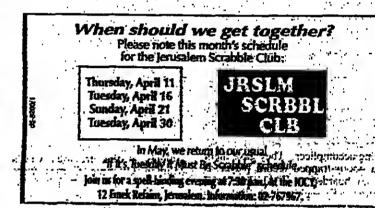
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ROME (AP) Sweeping aside a "j::st-following-orders" defense, a military judge ordered former Nazi SS Capt. Erich Priebke to stand trial for belping massacre 335 civilians in World War II.

Relatives of the victims attending the closed bearing burst into applause at the decision tomorrow by Judge Giuseppe Mazzi. Priebke 'didn't blink an eye," said one of their lawyers. Pietro Nicotera.

Trial was set for May 8, the 51st anniversary of the end of WWII. Mazzi jurned down a defense request for house arrest, and Priebke was returned to jail after the bearing.

The indictment of Priebke, 82. ends two years of uncertainty over his fate. He was arrested in Argentina and fought extradition for more than a year before being sent to Italy last fall.

Mazzi had indicated he was seriously considering ruling in Priebke's favor for "extenualing circumstances." But in the end he ignored Priebke's arguments: advanced age, a blameless life in Argentina for decades, the threat of death if he disobeyed orders and the belief he was carrying out a legilimate wartime reprisal for the killing of German soldiers.

The trial will demonstrate Priebke's responsibility in the crime," prosecutor Antonino Intelisano.

Priebke admitted killing two victims, and said he called out the names of 100 of the people who were then shot at the Ardeatine Caves outside Rome in 1944. The victims included Roman Catholic priests, a 14-year-old boy and 75 Jews.

Priebke 'old the court on Wednesday that the ultimate responsibility lay with the partisans who carried out the bombing attack. The indictment charges Priebke

will "taking part in violence with continuous homicide," a military code charge that brings life in prison.

The Family

BELFAST (Reuter) - The IRA ignored pleas yesterday to call a new truce and insisted it bas a right to wage war against British rule over Northern Ireland.

Their defiant message, issued in the run-up to the volatile "marching season" when pro-British Protestants and pro-Irish Catholics take to the streets, cast further gloom on Anglo-Irish peace efforts in the troubled province.

In London security services were on alert after intelligence warnings about Irisb Republican Army threats prompted the govcrnment to rush in counter-insurgency measures.

Security services fear the IRA might strike to coincide with weekend parades in both Irelands marking the 80th anniversary of the IRA's "Easter Rising" against British rule in Dublin.

In the east London Docklands area, where the IRA detonated a bomb killing two by-standers on February 9, a security source told Reuters: "Security has been increased 100 percent in the last two days in anticipation of renewed bombings to commemorate the Easter 1916 anniversary." In a statement issued in Dublin,

the IRA leaders said: "The IRA, whose mandate for armed struggle derives from Britain's denial of the fundamental right of the Irish people to national self-determination and sovereignty, has made its position clear. We reaffirm that position."

It pledged willingness to facilitate unconditional peace talks, an offer which moderate nationalist leaders said was a positive sign in the otherwise polarised landscape. The IRA, which ended a 17-

month ccasefire with the Docklands bomb and three other London attacks, said Northern Ireland's 25-year conflict could be resolved only in talks. It blamed Britain for keeping its Sinn Fein political arm out in the cold.

"The IRA remains fully committed to its republican objectives and, for so long as Britain persists in its denial of national and democratic rights in Ireland, then the IRA will continue to assert those rights."

Britain and Ireland say they will hold all-party peace talks on the province's future on June 10 but are adamant that Sinn Fein will not be given a seat unless the IRA ends the violence.

ORAOVAC. Bosnia (Reuter) -UN war crimes investigators believe a suspected mass grave in Serb territory in eastern Bosnia has been tampered with over the past three months, United States army officers said yesterday. "They believe in some way,

shape or another (the site) has been disturbed," said Major Daniel Zajac, who commands US NATO troops providing security for the investigators. "I don't know exactly what they meant by that," Zajac told reporters, adding: "Somebow the site bad been disturbed".

He could not say wbether NATO aerial surveillance had c. nfirmed tampering at the site, which is believed to contain the bodies of Moslem men killed by conquering Serb forces after the all of the Srebrenica enclave last

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NATO commanders have refused to guard the graves to pre-ver' the Serbs hiding the suspect-ed .illing of between 3,000 and

Investigators from the UN war crimes tribunal in The Hague visited the mnddy Oraovac field looking for clues to confirm testimonies of survivors who say bundreds of captured Moslem men were executed and buried in the area

8,000 unarmed Moslem men.

The investigators would not comment about possible tampering at the site, which lies next to a comfield and a railway between the villages of Oraovac and Krizevici, some 10 km from Zvornik in rural eastern Bosnia. Local Serb residents told Renters the field is located on

property which was owned by a Moslem man before the war. The UN team roped off a small section of the field about five

metres (yards) wide vesterday and were digging through thick mud with shovels for several hours. At about 1.30 p.m. the investi-

gators lifted out a bone, a piece of cloth, and a leather jacket from a bole some 70 cm deep.

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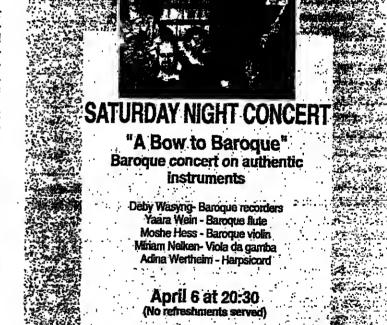
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# Italians toughen up on terrorism

Lisa Palmieri-**Billig** reports from Rome on how the Italian government is no longer blindly appeasing terrorists

ARCH 21 marked the beginning of spring but it also marked a new season in Italian policy regarding Middle East terrorism. On that day, for the first time in history, Italy decided to help to find and arrest an escaped foreign terrorist. Magied al-Molqi, convicted of murdering Leon Klinghoffer in the 1985 hijacking of the cruise ship Achille Lauro, vanished from Rome on February 28 after a 12day release from prison for "good conduct".

He was taken into custody again in Spain on March 21, thanks to information supplied by Italian police. All other Arab terrorists arrested in Italy in the past (except : for one other member of the Achille Lauro gang still serving his term) have simply been allowed to slip away - or even actually been accompanied out of the country.

Italy's "light touch" with terrorists dates back to the Seventies, when Rome was a crossroads for secret agents attached to Middle East diplomatic embassies. Some highlights from those

VEBIS . In 1972, two Arab termists used their English gulfriends as unwitting accomplices. They gave them booby-trapped record



Nine years later, General Ambrogio Viviani, the former director of Italian military intelligence, revealed that Italy had "secretly promised the Bonn government to engineer Kappler's escape" (Panorama interview, May 1986).

He also stated that the five missiles terrorists bad been flown "back to Gaddafi" because Italy did not want to be involved in Middle East terrorism." In fact, Italy protected the Gaddafi regime from opposition groups to save Italian interests in Libya," he said.

BUT ITALY is no different from other European countries that decided a policy of appeasement would best serve their national interests

In-1973, the Black September terrorists who murdered Israeli athletes at the previous year's Munich Olympic Games were released from West German prisons soon after a Lufthansa plane had been hijacked. Even now, Italy and Germany both do their utmost to gloss over crimes committed in their countries by foreign nationals who claim to be acting out of political motivations. The killer of the Mujahideen leader Naghdi Mohammad Hussein in Rome on March 6. 1993, has not been found. Nor has Germany done more than issue a warrant for the arrest of the bead of the Iranian Secret Service wanted for the 1992 murder of a Kurdish leader in a Berlin nestaurant

ANOTHER problematic case history - that of Monsignor Hilarion Capucci - involves not only Italy but also the Varican. The former Catholic Melchite Patriarchal Vicar of Jerusalem was sentenced in December 1974, in Jerusalem for belping Palestinian terrorists by transporting arms for the PLO in his private car.

In 1977, pope Paul VI personally wrote to president Ephraim Katzir, requesting Capucci's release. Israel complied, on the condition that the prelate would be moved out of the Middle East, and limit bis concerns to pastoral rather than political issues.

The promises were not kept. Monsignor Capucci became a member of the PLO National Council and through the years bas continuously given speeches on the Middle East all over Italy often passionately comparing the Israeli occupation to actions by the Nazis, and the plight of Palestinian refugees to that of Jews in ···· 2 ··· Auschwitz. His excellent relations in the Islamic Arab world bave earned him a privileged position as Vatican envoy and troubleshooter in times of crises. He was sent to Iran when US hostages were beld during Jimmy Carter's presidency, to Iraq after the invasion of Kuwait and most recently, to Sudan, to negotiate to stop the terrible persecution of Christians there. In 1982, the Corriere della Sera called him "one of the few Christians whom even the Moslems trust, certainly the only one whom Khomeini trusts, held in esteem by the Vatican, which has sent him on delicate diplomatic missions ...



(Above) Two Israeli border police guard the Italian cruiseship 'Achille Lauro' in Ashdod two weeks after its hijacking in 1985; (above left) Abu Abbas being interviewed on TV in 1986. Abbas masterminded the hijack - in which an American was murdered but was allowed by the Italians to avoid capture by US forces at the NATO base of Sigonella in Sicily.

such as Giulio Andreotti and Bettino Craxi, who were subsequently eclipsed from power during the major corruption scandals in Italy in 1991.

Andreoiti and Craxi were -Prime Minister and Foreign Minister respectively in 1985. Achille 11761 W.35 when Inc

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for his capture. Publicity mounted,

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exponent of the small. Israelfriendly Republican party) expressed sincere dismay at haly's inadequate laws that enable terrorists to receive furloughs just like any ordinary criminal.

Meanwhile, Italy's police demonstrated that where there's a will, there's a way, and al-Molgi

rewards for repentance. Terrorists, whether seen as Palestinian "fedayeen," halian Red Brigades or rightist extremists, are considered as idealists gone astray. young people who have chosen the wrong means for the right ends in search of what they claim is social and national justice.

under his orders in the northern Italian town of Marwabotto voted against the proposal. They rebelled against the leniont views of the town's parish priest and the authoritative Catholic review. Civilta Canolica.

Similarly, in January 1988, families of victims of Italian terrorism

they boarded thi El AL planic from Rome. It exploded in flight but luckily damage was confined to the bolstered hold where Israeli security had decided to put the package. Ahmed Zald and Adnan Mobammed Hashem were released before their scheduled trial ia February 1973 even begun. Official explanations were farci-

cal: "The bomb was not powerful enough to cause serious damage the two prisoners were mere pawns and not the masterminds .... the psychological, individual and social conditions of their lives count in their favor since they come from countries that have not. been independent for long" (i.e. Jordan and Iraq).

 In September 1973, five Arabs were arrested for planning to target an El Al plane taking off from Rome's Fiumicino Airport with ground-to-air missiles stowed away at their apartment.

For the first time, a public trial was held. The charge was "planning a massacre". Before trial, two were granted "temporary liberty" and escorted to Libya with an Italian military plane.

One of the two was Aatef B'seisom a wanted Black September terrorist. The remaining three were found guilty but, having been granted "provisional liberty," soon followed suite.

During this period, Libya signed substantial economic agreements Petroleum was exchanged for Italian industrial, with Italy. technical and political support of

• On August 15. 1977, war criminal SS Col. Herbert Kappler, responsible for the Roman Jewish deportations and the Ardeatine Caves massacre, was spirited out of a Rome military bospital, where he was dying of cancer, and into Germany.

This was a major strike for Germany. One of Kappler's lawyers, Franco Cattica, on the payroll of the German government, had tried unsuccessfully since 1965to have Kappler brought to Germany. Every year, the West German government had

made the same request. His escape was maneuvered while authorities looked the other

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Middle East experts in Italy claim the safeguarding of economic ties lies behind such inaction.

#### TTALY SHARES close economic tics with Iran and Libya.

Italy is the third largest importer of Iranian oil (preceded hy Japan and South Korea and followed by Holland, France, Greece and Germany) and the fifth largest exporting country (preceded by Germany, the United Arab Emirates, Japan and France). Lihya's economic interdependence with Italy is even starker. Libyan oil covers 20 percent of Italy's energy needs and Italy guarantees. Libya half its seven billion dollars of annual petrol income.

Germany also shares close economic ties with the rogue North African state. It is Libya's second largest import-export associate . and is followed by other European Union countries - Spain, Greece, France, Great Britain, Belgium and Luxembourg.

Last month, Monsignor Capucci was in Rome to speak at a meeting on European Relations with the Arab, and Islamic world, co-sponsored hy the Province of Rome.

When be was asked whether he would, today, call for an end to the use of arms, he replied, "We must work for justice, equality, love,

"But do you support an end to the use of arms?" he was asked again. Justice, love, equality must be implemented ... ", he repeated over

and over. FIFTY-FOUR coalitions have ruled Italy since 1945, each lasting an average of less than two years. But Italy's policy regarding the Middle East has remained constant: Maintaining good relations

and Italy had to save face. with Israel while appeasing Arab found a scapegoat in the judge demands just as far as necessaryto wbo granted al-Molqi his tempoensure terrorism is kept at bay and rary leave. Foreign Minister the Italian economy can flourish. Susanna Agnelli (a tempered This was the line shaped by men

was tracked down and arrested in hijacked and terrorist leader Abu Ahbas was allowed by the Italians Spain. to avoid capture by US forces al

ONE LAST word should be menthe NATO base of Sigonella in tioned about the importance of the contemporary Catholic religious Today, the Middle East peace ethos, which in Italy still exerts process has broken the formerly strong influence over the ideology of penal law. There is no death Now, many of Italy's Arab partpenalty, and allowance is always ners no longer opt to cover up submade for repentance and rehabiliversion and violence. The PLO is officially on Israel's side in the tation.

Volunicer agencies such as Carilas. which housed al-Molgi during his furloughs, help former prisoners reintegrate into society. Strangely (and typically), the greater the sins, the greater are the

So, it often happens that repentant murderers - even former mafia - are treated with greater leniency than petty thieves or drug addicts.

The Chrisoan duty to forgive reformed wrongdoers is inculcated in the Italian ethos. But the victims of violence generally find it difficult to abide by this teaching.

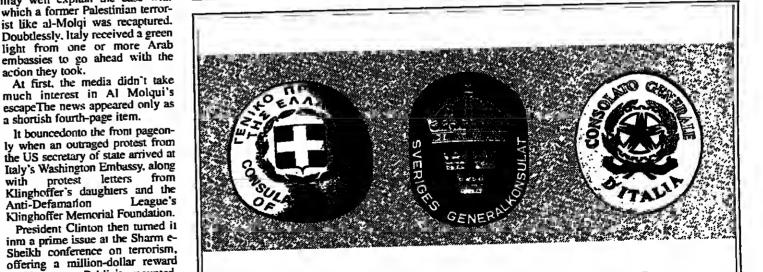
In 1985, the last Nazi war criminal to be held in Italy, SS Major Waher Reder, was to return to his naove Austria just six months before the expiration of his 40year sentence.

But the families of the 600 defenseless people massacred

Genoa wrote a letter to President Cossiga, expressing their objections to plans for reducing prison terms for terrorists.

The majority of Italians do not approve of the death penalty. Most believe in rehabilitation but not for all criminals.

Abstract principles are applied with Mediterranean flexibility. In world politics, mediation is preferred to direct confrontation. And when international economic and poliocal conflicts loom dark on the horizon, appeasement has often been the road they have taken.



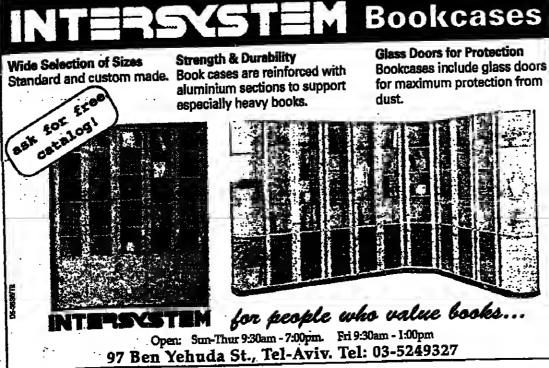
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# Samaritan **Torah scrolls** still missing

THE two Samaritan communities million, Samri's contact told him. reunite annually at Pessah. Forty sheep are ritually sacrificed and cooked for a feast on Mount Gerizim near Nabius,

Last year, three strangers stopped in the Samaritan synagogue in Nahlus on the Saturday hefore Pessah. The Samaritans, accustomed 10 tourists, thought little of the strangers.

Later, they believe, the strangers broke into the synagogue and stole the two most valuable items they found: a scroll of the Samaritan Torah in an inscribed copper case, and another handwritten Torah on parchment bound in red covers, both said to be 700 years old.

The thieves slipped the Torah scroll from the case and left the metal decoration on steps near the synagogue. It was a costly choice: The casing, made in 1521, is worth more than the scroll. It might have fetched several million dollars, according to Samaritan leader Benyamin Tsedaka.

The Samaritan leaders reported the theft to Israeli authorities, Interpol, American officials - anyone who would listen. But it was Yasser Arafai, then preparing for Palestinian autonomy in Nahlus, who brought the first word. The documents apparently were smuggled to Jordan, and unnamed thieves were demanding \$7 million ransom for their return, he said.

A month later, Radwan Altif Samri, a prominent Samaritan businessman in Nablus, got a call from Palestinian officials telling him to hurry over to Amman.

He checked into the Grand Palace Hotel, and waited. At 11 p.m., he said, be was contacted by a stranger. Together they drove to a vacant lot. Three men were waiting there in an old green Fjat,

Samri got in the green car, and without a word, the men removed two documents from plastic sacks,

"It was our Torah. When I saw the scroll, I kissed it and tears flowed from my eyes," he

The thieves took the manuscripts back, They had made their point: The documents were infact. The ransom was now down to \$2

"What can we do? The Samaritans don't have that money," Samri said. "And if we pay this, what will stop them from coming again, maybe with guns this time, and taking something else?"

JUST AS the Samaritan community has dwindled over the centuries - a mere 583 remain of a nation that in the sixth century exceeded 1 million - so have its artifacts. Whether sold or stolen, most of the Samaritans' ancient texts were scattered in the netherworld of the illicit antiquities trade, surfacing in museums and private collections from St. Petershurg to Washington.

Desperate efforts to retrieve the latest stolen texts, written by hand on the skins of rimally sacrificed lambs or goats, have led the Samaritans into a clandestine meeting with thieves, appeals to world leaders, and a political union with Yasser Arafat.

"We have no power to fight for our goals," Tsedaka said. "And no government in the area has done anything to force the thieves to return the manuscripts.

For 3,000 years, the Samaritans have studied and copied their Torah (which is basically the same as the Jewish Torah).

There have been times when the Samaritans were nearly extinguished as a people. In 1917, oaly 146 remained. They survived hy adapting with chameleon resilience. About half the community left Nablus to build a neighborhood in Holon.

Members of this community are citizens, serve in the IDF and speak Hebrew. The others, in Nablus, maintain Arab ways, language and dress.

Nablus Mayor Ghassan Shakaa, through whom the thieves communicated, is pessimistic about the possibility of recovering the manuscripts.

Now everything is off. They cut off the contact, and we have lost our link to them," he said. "Maybe they are trying to sell it to someone else."

According to Tsedaka, "We need these treasures for our future existence. (The Baltimore Sun)



A Samaritan Torah scroll: No government in the area has done anything to force the thieves to return the manuscripts, according to Samaritan leader Benyamin Tsedaka. (David Rubinger)

# Pessah cuts in on parties GRAPEVINE GREER FAY CASHMAN

OCIAL life in Herzliya Pituah, Savyon and Kiar Shinaryabu wound down slightly during the first selves to Pessah preparations. With fewer receptions to attend, ambassadors had more time for cultural pursuits, which explains why British Ambassador David Manning, Indian Ambassador Shivshankar Menon, Japanese Ambassador Harahiko Shibuya, Greek Ambassador Satirias Varouxakis and Italian cultural attache Franco Massai were free to accept the Cameri Theater's invitation for Tuesday night's performance of A Comedy of Errors. Comprehension was not a problem. Tuesday nights at the Cameri are reserved for simultaneous English translations.

FOR THOSE who wanted to party on Tuesday night. Labor MK Ori Orr hosted a reception at Ginat Egoz. Kfar Monash, for friends and supporters who contributed to his success in last week's primaries.

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WHO IS Israel's highest-paid salaried employee? No. it's not a bank manager. It's Benny Gaon, president and CEO of Koor, whose gross monthly salary of NIS 200,000 comes to more than the average wage earner receives in a year. Gaon, 61, who has turned Koor into one of Israel's most profitable companies, is the older Vehoram Gaon, whose latest record has just been released.

ARE POLITICIANS superstitious? Yes, according to astrologist Pnina Katz and spiritualist Ilana Even. The two who appeared on *Elections* '96, hosted on Channel 1 by Menashe Raz, said that 72% of MKs. including cabinet ministers, are among their clientele. So what are the forecasts? The consensus is that Shimon Peres will emerge victorious from the prime ministerial race, and the pyramid in the Likud leadership will be inverted. David Levy will be the only one unscathed, and will move closer to Labor, whose additional strength will also be beneficial to Jewish' Agency and World Zionist Organization chairman Avraham Burg.

THE FASHION industry turned out in full force on Sunday night at a reception at the Tel Aviv Hilton in honor of Dr. Michael Otto, president of Otto Versand, one of the largest catalog publishers in the world. Founded in 1950, Otto Versand appears in Forbes list of the world's 100 leading companies. The catalog has introduced Israeli fashion houses to many, new markets, and plays a significant role in Israel's; fashion exports. So the gala fashion show which was; the highlight of Sunday's reception was quite in keeping with the occasion.

# New evidence nails down Qumran theory

THE latest insight into the Dead Sea Scrolls does not come from the caves where the scrolls were found or the nearby ruins of Oumran where some are presumed to have been written, but on a dusty trail between them. It was on this trail that archeologists Magen Broshi and Hanan Eshel in February found evidence that literally nailed down for them their refutadon of revisionist arguments denying the very existence of a Dead Sea sect in antiquity.

The finds included some 60 nails from sandals worn about 2,000

ogists, supporting the theory that Qumran was a monastery-like motherhouse serving members of a sect living in surrounding caves. The archeologists reinforced this theory by uncovering three new caves showing signs of habitation as well as a possible tent encampment. The ruins at Qumran have undergone a number of identity changes since a French traveler in 1851 suggested that they were the remains of Gomorrah. Most researchers assumed that the stone tower pro-

undertook the first excavations of the Quimran ruins to see whether they might have any connection to the scrolls. They uncovered a compound whose structures contained large rooms, evidently for publicassembly, and were served by an extensive water system.

De Vaux deemed the site to be the motherhouse of the Essene sect described in the first century CE by Pliny the Elder as living on the western shore of the Dead Sea. Since the residential area of the compound was not large, de Vaux surmised that most of the sect mem-

### ABRAHAM RABINOVICH

a sectarian motherhouse, he argued that the Ourman sect numbered no more than the few dozen who could be housed inside the monastery.

Recently a Jerusalem architect, basing himself on the large number of cistems at Qumran and historical allusions, has argued that it was a workshop for making papyrus. As for the scrolls themselves, the original belief that they were the product of the Essene sect - the smallest and most ascetic of the three main

launched 100 meters north of the Bar-Ilan University. Broshi is per-

ty. Coins and pottery were found here as well. The trail leading from the monastery to the newly uncovered

caves continued northwest to the area of Caves 1, 2, 3 and 11 where the first Dead Sea Scrolls were found. The trail lay on the existing surface but it had not been attributed before to antiquity. "People might argue that this is a modern trail," says Eshel, "but the coins are from the first century CE. And the nails from the broken sandals are from then too. The pottery we have is

novices immersed themselves in rit-; ual baths and gathered for their com-munal meal. Then they prayed, again. When they returned to their dwellings it was not to sleep.

We know that they were supposed to study one-third of the night," says Eshel, "We believe they borrowed scrolls from the main library in the monastery. We found oil lamps in every cave."

The new finds are unlikely to dampen the passionate scholarly debates that still rage over Qumran but Broshi and Eshel believe they shore up the position of the hard-pressed conservative school. It was

Quintan ruins, by Broshi, retired curator of the Dead Sea Scroll collection at the Israel Museum's Shrine of the Book, and Dr. Eshel of

haps the foremost proponent of the conservative school which largely accepts de Vaux's finding that Qumran was an Essene monastery whose members lived in surrounding caves. Eshel is one of the better known of the young generation of Israeli archeologists.

IN DECEMBER, a dig was

They found no scrolls during their similar to what was found inside the

years ago as well as coins and broken pots. These signs of substantial foot traffic between the caves and the ruins of Qumran constitute the first direct evidence, say the archeol-

After the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered in nearby caves in 1947, archeologists led hy Pere de Vaux of the Ecole Biblique in Jerusalem

truding from a knoll at Qumran a

kilometer west of the Dead Sea had

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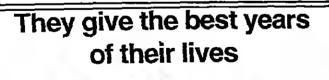
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bers lived in the surrounding caves and came to the motherhouse to dine and serve God.

Almost universally accepted initially, de Vaux's conclusion came to be challenged over the years hy other scholars, most notably hy Prof. Norman Golh of the University of Chicago, Golh maintained that Qumran had been a military fortress from Hasmonean times and that the scrolls in the nearby caves had been taken there from libraries in Jerusalem to be hidden on the approach of the Roman army. Prof. Yossi Patrich of Haifa University, who carried out an extensive survey of caves in the Judean Desert, said that the caves around Qumran had never served as permanent habitations. While not disputing those who saw Qumran as

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Jewish groupings in the Second Temple period - has been challenged by numerous scholars over the years who saw the scrolls as Pharisee. Sadducee, medieval, Karaite, Christian or outright fakes. Increasingly, scholars are sug-gesting that many, if not most, of the scrolls were brought to Qumran from other parts of the country. Those scrolls are of a clearly sectarian nature, however, and are generally seen as originating at Qumran. Golh argues that none came from Qumran because there was no sect living there. Uncertainty about the identity of the Qumran inhabitants now prompts most scholars to refer to them neutrally as members of the Dead Sea sect rather than Essene as in the earlier years of Dead Sea Scroll scholarship.

six weeks of excavations but they uncovered evidence which they believe supports the conservative view. Until now, eight man-made caves have been uncovered in the soft mari plateau at Qumran, all southwest of the monastery. Despite Patrich's contention, Broshi says these were clearly residential caves. Digging for the first time north of the monastery, he and Eshel uncovered another three artificial caves showing signs of babitation, including pottery vessels and coins. "Caves are the best solution for

the harsh climatic conditions at Qumran," says Broshi.

Digging on behalf of Bar-Ilan University and the Israel Museum, the excavators also uncovered a broad circle of stones which they believe had secured a tent in antiqui-

monastery which has been dated to 31 BCE. We found coins as late as 67 CE. So I think this area was occupied during this period of time. We believe that the people who lived here in tents and caves were part of the community as de Vaux had said.

The archcologists believe that more inhabited/areas may be found nearby.

Each morning, as the archeolo-gists reconstruct it, the members of the sect streamed from the caves into the Qumran compound where they prayed together facing east towards the sun rising over the mountains of Moab, their backs to Jerusalem, whose priestly guidance the sect rejected. Then each man turned to his assigned work.

In the afternoon the members and

indeed, say the archeologists, the first monastery in the Western world

Says Broshi: 'Our finding reinforces the theory that the religious community here was most probably Essene and that it must have numbered 150-200 people. All the other theories are meaningless when we see that the residents of Qumran were anchorites [religious recluses] living in caves."

The first scholar to see any of the Dead Sea Scrolls, Prof. Eliezer Sukenik, had concluded in 1948 even before the excavation at Qumran that the authors of the three scrolls he studied were Essene, notes Broshi. "The more we know the more we are certain that this original theory is correct."

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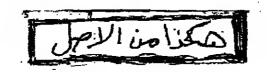
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# Archeology used to bash Israel

TILLIAM Dairympie, who used to write falseboods about Israel for The Duily Telegraph and The Spectator ("Eye on the Media," January 20, 1995), bas now moved his fabrication industry to the London Sunday Times. In a January 21 issue he uses a book review as a vehicle for Israelbashing.

The review is not a critique. It is a promotion piece for an attempt by Keith Whitelam to rewrite history in a book called The Invention of Ancient Israel: The Silencing of Palestinian History. The attempt cannot be taken any more seriously by the scientific community than the claim that Jesus was "a Palestinian," or that the Palestinians are descendants of the Philistines and Jebusites. It is obviously written in the hope of selling insidious fairy tales to the ignorant and susceptible.

Dalrymple begins his review by stating that after "conquering" Jerusalem in 1967, Israeli archeologists, trying to find "remains associated with the Jewish temples,' demolished a Palestinian girls' school "to make way for the dig." It is a typical, not-so-subtle picture of ruthless, conquering Israelis destroying a school of the oppressed and occupied just to find proof for the Jewish claim to Jerusalem.

The real offense was that the Jordanians built the school in 1960 on what was obviously an important historic site. In 1967, the school was transferred by Israel to better and larger quarters, and the building was used by the rabbinate and the archeology department offices. It was razed

later, when it became clear that it was in the way of important discoveries.

But according to Dalrymple, Israeli archeologists are not only Zionist fanatics and nationalistic martinets. In their feverish drive to find the "Jewish connection" in the ruins, they use Israeli schoolchildren in the digs "as part of [the children's] National Service" (only Dairymple knows what this means).

There is, of course, nothing wrong with a nation digging to discover archeological evidence of its past - though Dairymple makes it sound like a criminal preoccupation - but to imply that Israeli archeologists are interested only in Jewish finds is an obscene lie. No one has discovered, restored. rebuilt, refurbisbed, advertised, exhibited and guarded Christian and Moslem relics as conscientiously as Israeli archeologists.

If anything, the archeologists bave bent over backwards to preserve Moslem structures, even when it meant that digging under them, which most likely would have led to the discovery of finds with Jewish portent, had to stop. Ironically, the Moslem authorities in the city are aware of Israel's contribution to Islamic history, and the Wakf has made no trouble for the diggers, except when they wanted to dig under the

Temple Mount mosques. With obvious glee, Dalrymple states that "to the excavitors' enormous embarrassment," the ruins (under the demolished school) did not date from the time of the temples, but rumed out to be "a previously unknown and

rather Umayyad palace dating from the 8th century." One can only wonder why those fanatic Israeli archeologists then restored the palaces with meticulous care, invited the Jerusalem mufti to visit them, and are now featuring them as a highlight of Jerusalem's archeological tour. They could, after all, have ignored the discovery and continued to dig for Jewish relics underneath.

Dalrymple writes, "Recently, the embarrassing Arab ruins returned to the news when Israeli zealots succeeded in taking out a court injunction against plans partially to reconstruct the palace on the grounds that the structure was 'offensive to Jewish sensibilities.' The truth is that the Temple Mount Faithful objected not to the reconstruction of a Moslem palace, but to using Herodian stones from the Temple Mount found in the same dig - stones they consider sacred - for this

to mention that the Faithful lost their suit, and that the "plan par-tially to reconstruct" is in the process of completion. In bis attempt to imply that finds of the Arab past are predominant in Jerusalem, he never mentions that the excavations in the city bave revealed structures from the Canaanite, Israelite, Hasmonean, Herodian, Roman, Byzantine, Crusader, Mameluke and Turkish periods.

### EYE ON THE MEDIA

### DAVID BAR-ILLAN

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purpose. Dalrymple conveniently forgets

Dalrympic is bothered not only by Israeli arcbeologists, but by the Jews' nasty habit of establishing "settlements ... deliberately on sites identified as baving originally been colonized by the ancient Israelites 3,000 years earlier." (Nonce that even the ancient Jews were no more than invading colonizers, while the Moslems who invaded the country and ravaged it in the seventh century are, by some inexplicable leap, also the descendants of the indigenous Canaanites who were displaced ology. the aggression-prone Israelites.)

Perhaps what truly bothers rewriters of history like Dalrymple is that the Moslems, throughout their long domination of this country, built only one town. All the Arabic names are distortions of the original Hebrew.

To buttress his charge that political bias rather than scientific inquiry animates Israeli archeologists, Dalrymple quotes an Israeli critical of the establishment. Hissource this time is "the distinguisbed Tel Aviv-based archeologist Sbulamit Giva." "Giva" is so distinguished that Dalrymple not only misspells her name but refers to ber as "he." Like several other Israeli intellectuals - most notably Amos Oz and A.B. Yehoshua -Geva has discovered that bashing Israel is a shortcuit to world recogtition. In 1992 she accused the archeology establishment of being "an executive arm of an ideological movement, a nationalist and political instrument ... " rather than

a scientific discipline. Geva lives in a free country, and she is free to express ber opinions, no less than the Washington columnist who in the early 1980s referred to Harlem as "America's Auschwitz" - a remark which served as grist for the Soviet propaganda mills. Instead of simply examining the facts on the ground, Dalrymple uses this outburst of a decidedly less-thanfamous archeologist as proof of what is happening in Israeli arcbe-

In fact, Bible-oriented digging in Jerusalem - which Dalrymple attributes to Israelis - characterized Christian archeologists of the 19th century. It is the Jewish arcbeologists - particularly since the establishment of Israel - who bave scrupulously exposed findings for what they are.

But facts interest neither Dalrymple nor Whitelam, the book's author, both valiant warriors in the campaign to debunk Jewish claims in the Land of Israel. There is something almost hilarious in the sudden sympathy such warriors have for the Canaanites, whom the Palestinians now claim as their ancestors. "Sometimes the adjectives slapped on the unfortunate Canaanites smack of straight racism." Dalrymple complains, accusing the great American arcbeologist William Albright of using "neofascist terms" in describing the extinct tribe of biblical lore.

It is not every day that The Sunday Times offers a passionate

defense of the child-sacrificing, orgiastic Canaanites, and it would all be quite amusing were it not part of a conscious, calculated campaign to delegitimize Israel's presence in this country. The Arabs find it difficult convincingly to portray Israel as a usurper of the land as long as the world believes there is a connection between the people of the Bible and the land of the Bible. To deny this connection, and to depict Jewish history in the Middle East as no more than an insignificant sbort sojourn by passing colonizers is the purpose of today's Palestinian-Arab propaganda. In the service of this purpose, William Dalrymple is always a tireless soldier.

The Evening Standard regrets The March 15 "Eye on the Media" column was devoted to one of the most outrageous journalistic offenses ever to disgrace the pages of a serious newspaper. The day after the first Jerusalem bus bombing, the London Evening Standard published a report by Sue Masterman titled "Israeli terrorists accused of bombing." Echoing Palestinian canards, it was an ugly, vicious attempt to put the blame for the suicide bombing on "Israeli extremist groups." On March 21, The Evening

Standard published the following, under the beadline "Israel bus bombing":

"An article in the Evening Standard on 28 February in the wake of the suicide bus bomb in Israel which killed 25 people reported suspicions that an extremist Israeli group may bave had a band in the bombing.

"It stated that the extremist group was linked to the military

and security services and evidence was emerging that it was providing logistical and technical support to Palestinian bombers for their own political reasons of opposing the peace process. The report should have made

clear that these allegations were solely attributed to Yasser Arafat. the Palestinian leader, who made the claims in briefings with foreign diplomats. Israel has always denied that any of its extremists have directly and deliberately colluded with Arab terrorists.

"We apologise to out readers for any impression we may have given that the Evening Standard credited these allegations."

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It was hardly a profuse apology for what can only be termed an inexcusable offense against all journalistic ethics and professional standards.

What seemed to irritate Evening Standard editor Max Hastings more than the appearance of the story in the paper was that The Jerusnlem Pusi exposed it. Responding to a reader who sent the 'Eye on the Media' column to Hastings demanding an explana-non, Hastings wrote: "Thank you for your letter of March 21.1 had already seen The Jerusalem Post. Although it is a newspaper which I normally regard with contempt, on this occasion it was largely justified in its comments, and I made the decision to publish the attached correction in the paper. Thank you anyway for drawing the article to my attention."

It is up to readers to decide which newspaper should be regarded with contempt.

WO weeks ago, I went for a

few days to Vienna and Munich for a symposium commemorating the 100th anniversary of the publication of Der Herzl's manifesto Judenstaat, "The Jewish State." and also, of course, some fundraising for Jerusalem.

I was bappy and somewhat sur-prised to find the meetings in Vienna filled with people, Jews and Gentiles alike, who showed a great deal of interest in the lectures and participated in the discussions. I am named after Herzl and he was a hero of my youth and, to a great extent, my inspiration to get involved with Zionism and I was glad to see that be had not been altogether forgotten.

Herzl, like Ben-Gurion, had the gift of vision, foresight, long-term thinking. Today, most of our politicians seem to be thinking only short-term. On this same four-day trip, during my brief stay in Munich, the subject of the foreign workers in Germany kept coming up in conversations. For the Germans, this has become a monumental problem, one seemingly without a solution. In Berlin alone, there are 400,000 Turks.

They don't want to go back to Turkey. They are not Germans. They are a people within a people, a ticking time bomb.

These days, we, in Israel, are in the process of creating a similar prohlem, and no one seems to be paying much attention to it. Every time the territories are sealed off for a while after a terrorist incident, more foreign workers are imported, mostly from Eastern Europe and Southeast Asia, According to statistics, there are already several hundred thousand of them here, and the numbers are continually climbing out assumed

### CAPITAL TALK **TEDDY KOLLEK and**

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This is potentially a much more serious problem than the endlessly debated issues of the Golan, our security concerns with the Arabs in general and the polarization between secular and observant Jews, all serious problems, solvable with time, goodwill and patience. But with the foreign workers, we are creating a monster. If we don't do something about it now, we may wake up bourns in microhedrow, include

someday soon in a country that is the home of a few peoples, with wbom, unlike the Palestinians, there will be no territorial solution possible. They will be living among us like our parents had lived in Europe, but they will be speaking foreign languages, gathering in different places of worship, and will feel no loyalty to Judenstaat came true.

Foreign workers and foresight maries. forming political alliances, and discussing with noisy slogans the largely diminished threat of an attack by our Arab neighbors takes priority. Have we so quickly forgotten that we had come to Palestine to create a country of our own, where we would sustain ourselves, where Jews would also work with their hands? A country of our own, means, among many other things, no masses of foreign laborers, even if it seems like the easiest solution at the moment. We and the Palestinians can do the

need to bring new ethnic groups in masses to an already complicated and crowded situation. It takes a little bit of vision and long-term tbinking by our citizens and politicians. Seems like a hard thing to come by these days.

These are thoughts I had on the flight from Austria and Germany, back home to Israel, a much faster trip than my first journey to Palesune in 1935 which lasted several weeks. Maybe things move too fast these days. Let us stop and think more deeply from time to time and remember what got us here and where we wanted to go.

**Palestinian fairy tales:** Kind of grim

A VIEW FROM NOV

MOSHE KOHN

'Palesune Arab state" alongside

And they would have had it

without the price in blood and

misery both they and we have

IN MY February 23 column 1

treated several statements Awad

made in PWR's February 3 issue

No. 33. 1 refuted, inter alia, his

assertion that before Israel's

establishment in 1948. "Jerusalem was a Palestinian city

and capital of Palestinc: it had a

Now he again writes: "It is a

That is well known only to

those whose historical perspective

is determined by "Palestinian" fairy tales. The only "state"

besides the ancient and modern

Jewish states to have Jerusalem as

its capital was the Crusaders'

"Latin Kingdom of Jerusalem."

which lasted for just over 87 years

Palestine" ever had was Ramle,

built by Caliph Suleiman, who

made it his seat during his brief reign, 715-717. And it is the only

city the Arabs ever built in this

country. Nearly three centuries

later the Jerusalem-born great

Arab historical-geographer and

traveler, Mukkadasi, wrote of vis-

iting "Ramle, the capital of

The closest Jerusalem ever

came to being an Arab capital was

during the caliphate of Abd al-

Malik Ihn Marwan (185-705).

Suleman's father. During his

reign, while the anti-caliph

Abdullah Ihn Zubayr hriefly con-

trolled Mecca, Ihn Marwan for-

bade Moslem pilgrims to go to

Meeca, declared the Rock on the

Temple Mount to have been

Mohammed's takeoff point on his

flight to Heaven, huilt the Dome

of the Rock over it, and made

Jerusalem his seat till Ibn Zubayr

As for Jerusalem's Palestinian

mayors, I added that since 1948.

too, every mayor of Israel's capi-

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well-known fact that Jerusalem

was the capital of Arab Palestine."

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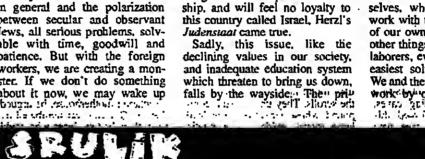
Palestine."

Palestinian mayor."

DOPE GREGORY XV used the term "propaganda" in a positive, or at least neutral. sense when he put it on the map in

tal through the incumbent, Ehud Olmert, has been "Palestinian," hy having either been born in, or become a naturalized subject of, machines, mainly their own fairy-Mandatory Palestine.





work by outselves. There is no 25 fb 21 a mut at 2 mile was the transferred and 11 by DOSH

1622 by appointing a committee of cardinals to constitute the Congregatio de propaganda fide (Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith).

The word stems from a Laun agricultural term, propagnre. meaning to reproduce by setting pnges, i.e., laycred branches or stocks of vines, or slips tsmall shoots or twigs cut for planding or grafting). This stems from propangere, meaning "fasten before."

By extension, it came to signify the dissemination of ideas or doctrines.

About 150 years ago people started using it in the pejorative sense it has today: spreading lies to promote one's own cause, and slanders or innuendoes to harm a rival cause. (Merriam Webster's Colleginte Dictionary, 10th edition: Eric Partridge's Origins: Webster's Word Histories.)

It is in the pejorative sense, of course, that I characterized the Palestine Weekly Review (PWR). issued by the "Directorate of External Relations and Media" of the "Palestinian Ministry of Information," as the organ of PLO chief Yasser Arafat's "official propaganda bureau" (February 23). In PWR's March 13 issue No.

34, its editor, Walid M. Awad. says be is "baffled" by my characterization. bccause he has "never received any direction or interference from any source whatsoever."

Of course not. Arafat didn't choose Awad merely for his intelligence, knowledge and talent. Surely he knew he would not have to monitor Awad's writing and editing, and that, on the contrary, Awad would occasionally be giving him "direction."

And surely Awad knew, on the basis of earlier episodes involving other "Palestinian" journalists, that if Arafat would have to "interfere," he, Awad, would be out of a job, to put it mildly.

: Awad adds: "As a matter of fact. the term 'propaganda' known to others is an anotherna to our way of thinking. The Palesunians have been the victim of many propa-ganda machines, least of all that of Israel's [sic?]"

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Here he expresses a far greater truth than I am sure ne intended. Indeed, "least of all" have those he calls Palestinians been victimized by Israeli propaganda, and they bave, indeed, been victimized by many propaganda

tale machines. If the Arabs of Eretz Yisrael had

Israel.

1948 "West Jerusalem never bad a listened to Jewish propaganda in Jewish mayor, simply because the city was Palestinian." However, the decades before and since the establishment of Israel instead of Authentic Palestinian Jews' to the fairy tales of their selfserved on the city council. appointed spokesmen here and in What is an neighboring countries, they would long since have had their Palestinian Jew"?

Hc mentions that Mousa Kazem el-Husseini, Jerusalem's mayor from 1918 to 1920 (grandfather of our own Faisal Husseini), "was forcibly removed by the Britisb." He doesn't mention that the man was removed because he incited an Arab mob in the demonstration that led to the three-day Nebi Mousa pogrom that began 76 years ago today on the Jewish calendar (Nissan 16, 5680/April 4, 1920). The rioters murdered seven Jews and wounded 211. including two raped girls. Six Arabs were killed and 24 wounded, mainly by British troops and Arabs who thought their victims were Jews. Seven Englishmen were hurt (The Pulestine Bulletin, April 30, 1920; Hnrova Hnvehadi Ba'ir Ha'atika biYerushalavim edited by Mordechai Naor, 1987; Tzemihai Hainna Haleumit Ha'nravit Hapalestina'it, 1918-1929 hy Yehoshua Porat, Am Oved, 19761.

1 CITED a list of distinguished "Palestinian" Arabs who categorically rejected the designa-tion "Palestine/Palestinian," one even saying it was "a term the Zionists invented." Awad ignores my documentation and merely reiterates that "Israel denied the existence of the Palestinian people." He also rejects my assertion that

the "Palestinian Arab baby" was bom with the help of Israeli and other Jewish midwives. Hebrew University professor Ychoshua Porat, is one of the

world's leading experts on "Palestinism" and is identified with the left-wing "peace camp." He has written that "The concept 'Palestinian nationality' is a figment of the imagination of penpushers in Israel and the West" Hu aretz, June 19, 1990). Shcherazade, anyone?

(Timuks a) Dr. Joseph Lerner, co-director of IMRA/Independent Media Review & Analysis; Yisrael Medua, director of Media Watch; and other Jernsalemites whn hrought PWR to my attention.)

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# Pessah: The festival of freedom

SHABBAT SHALOM

SHLOMO RISKIN

DESSAH is the festival of freedom. Our sages, however, suggest that the most effective way of experiencing freedom 365 days a year is by immersing oneself in Torah.

The Bible describes its words as having been engraved (harut) on the tablets: "Do not read harut [engraved], but rather read herur, freed! No one is truly free except the individual who is occupied in Torah." (Mishna Avot 6:2) How so?

Let's consider three different ways by which Torah ensures freedom.

The first way involves the relationship between a human being and himself. To be free, a person must be self-disciplined, able to say "no" to his instinctive desires and rely instead on a higher set of values - whether this involves the food that enters the mouth, the images that reach the retina, or the words that leave one's lips. Those who reject the commandments as too restrictive are deluding themselves in believing they are free just because their conscience doesn't get in the way of their desires; there can be no freedom without self control, no mastery without sacrifice.

The second level of freedom is in the political realm. Totalitarian governments strip citizens of fundamental rights and dignity. Our Torah condemns the enslaving of others. The entire drama of the Exodus serves to teach Pharoah and any other despot that only God is the Master of all beings; indeed, the Parenthood of God ensures the fundamental siblinghood of all peoples. This is

why one of the reasons for the Sabbath is 'in order that your Gentile man-servant and maidservant rest like you." Understand that the Torah

grants inner freedom even in the ourselves and God. An example of such freedom can be seen in the following incimost dehumanizing conditions. Worshiping God allows one to rise above Caeser's law and never bow 10 any totalitarian regime. "Hear O Israel, the Lord our God. the Lord is One." is not merely a statement of belief in the Almighty: it is also a rejection of

any absolute ruler other than the Divinity Himself. And there is yet a third level of freedom that emanates from Torah involvement, a freedom that comes specifically from the Oral Law, the entire corpus of Jewish practice and philosophy. On a simple level, the freedom

felt in studying the Oral Law is a direct result of its difficulties. A passive relationship to the text is not possible; each individual who engages in the "battles of Torah" must fight with the sword of his mind and the power of his will. Textbooks that provide information may make us wiser. but they can't give us the innmate freedom that comes from engraving the words of the Oral Law into our beings.

But on a deeper level, the Oral Law gives us the freedom of a partnership with God. Over the course of centuries, the Sages had to rule on thousands of issues dealing with the latest technical developments and scientific dis-

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coveries. The student of Oral Law not only encounters these rulings, but discovers that the Talmud has laid a groundwork for all future halachic negotiations between

dent, recorded in the Babylonian Talmud, Pessahim, 66a. One year, the 14th of Nissan (the day before Pessah) fell on the Sabbath, but the legalists and judges had forgotten whether the commandment to bring the paschal sacrifice (ordinarily commanded for that day) still applied.

The problem was posed to a Sage named Hillel, who had just come from Babylon. He permitted the sacrifice, giving two reasons: first, the word mo'ado 1"in its proper time") defines the paschal sacrifice (Num. 9:2) as well as the daily sacrifice (Num. 28:2). Since the daily sacrifice is to be brought on the Sabbath, so must the paschal sacrifice override the usual prohibitions.

He then added a kal va homer. (an inference from the lenicnt to the strict). If the daily sacrifice, which does not incur a strict punishment if neglected, is nevertheless brought on the Sabbath, then the paschal sacrifice, which incurs a devastating punishment (karet) if not brought, must certainly be brought on the Sabbath. Hillel's answer prompted the

legalists to accept bim as the new head of the Sanhedrin.

Commentators have interpret-

ed this Talmudic passage as an expression of the tension between the Sadducees and the Pharisees (the great expositors of the Oral Law). The judges' admission of having forgotten the halacha echoes the Sadduceean claim that without a direct statement in the Torah, we dare not present a ruling. Hillel represents the approach

of the Pharisees. His first answer clarifies the issues through the exegesis passed down from teacher to student (g'zera shava). His second answer depended on buman logic (kal va homer). Both responses are included in R. Yishmael's compilation of the 13 hermeneuuc principles - Divinely given rules hy which the Sages explicated the Torah.

Clearly then, the Oral Law gave the Sages freedom to judge. Without this freedom, the Torah would have become a moribund museum piece. The Sadducees never understood that the Oral Law is what makes the Torah eternal, granting ultimate freedom to Torah sages to become partners with God.

Preparation for Pessah requires tremendous self-discipline, a major acceptance of the voke of heaven. Only 50 years ago hundreds of thousands of Jews in the death camps sanctified the name of God by refusing to eat bread on Pessah. But perhaps most important for us is that Pessah is the first step on a seven-week journey that takes us to the foot of Mt. Sinai, where we will receive the Torah, the ultimate source of freedom.

Shabbat Shalom, and Hag Sameah

### PASTIMES

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# The Jerusalem Post Friday, April 5, 1996 Chicken feed

# A shooting sport

#### NICK KOPALOFF

HES5 players are commonly portrayed as an esoteric bunch whose eccentricity is a precondition for their joining the fraternity. They are so deeply immersed in their inflated bubble that too often they don't realize, or care, that the outside world perceives chess to be a game devoid of real action.

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In the past chess has been compared to crickel. But whereas cricket has long unshackled the stereotype that every game last five days and frequently results in a draw due to a mild shower on the fifth day, chess has responded at a slower pace.

In an attempt to brighten the image of the game and broaden its appeal to both the masses and to commercial sponsors, welcome changes have been introduced.

"Blitz" tournaments, in which each game lasts a maximum of 10 minutes, have attracted many new players. Cynical observers who used to ridicule the motionless combatants now express intrigue at the rapid clock-smashing duel in which the motor activity almost matches the cerebral in its intensi-

However, despite a consistently high standard of play at blitz tournaments, chess purists tend to prefer "active" competitions, in which each player has 30 minutes on the clock.

In arguing for the admission of chess into the Olympic Games. Israel Chess Federation chairman Yosef (Tommy) Lapid correctly notes that "chess is a game as physical as pistol shooting."

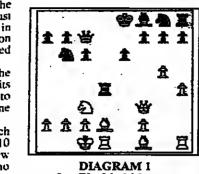
BRITAIN'S Julian Hodgeson has earned a reputation as one of the game's most during innovators, His experimentation with the outrageous has cast him into the forefront of chess's avant-garde. In the following exciting hattle. however, he came out second hest to the talented Brit Stuart Conquest.

> Conquest, Stuart -Hodgeson, Julian Budesliga 1995 Scandinavian Defense (Center Counter)

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Qxd5 3.Nc3 Qa5 4.Bc4 Nf6 5.d4 c6 6.Bd2 Qc7. As so often occurs in this opening, after Black's early queen sortie she is forced to retreat and find shelter behind the sanctuary of her infantry. On 0., Qb4 Conquest would have readily sac-rificed a pawn with 7.Qo2 Qx02 8.Rh1 Qa3 9.Nt3 with a huge lead in development.

7.Nf3 Bg4 8.h3 Bxf3 9.Qxf3 36 10.0-0-0 Nbd7 11.g4 Nb6 12.Bf1! A retreat of this nature requires a balanced measure of audacity and foresight. American GM Joel Benjamin lacks neither as reflected in his wacky and crude retreat on the second move of the Alekhine defence. 1.e4 Nf6 2.e5 Ng8?! 12...Rd8 13.g5 Ng8!? 14.b4!

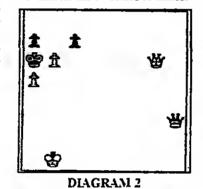
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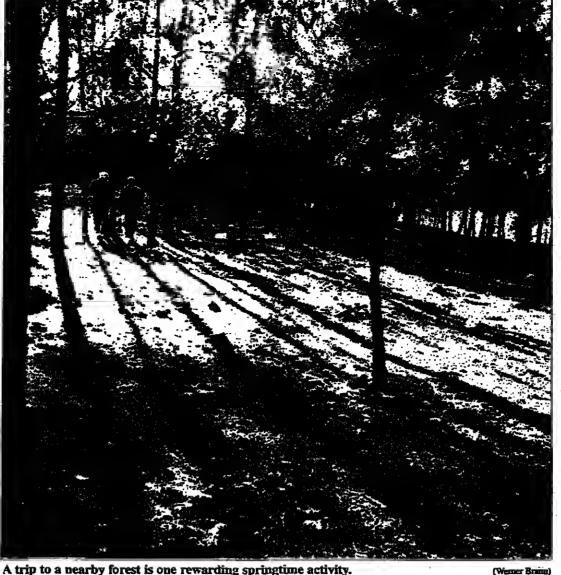
after Black's 14th move 15.Nb5! cxb5 16.Bxb5+ Nd7. 16...Kd8 fails to 17.Bf4!, and on 16...Rd7, White has the energetic move 17.Ba5!. Perhaps the most solid defence is the grotesque move 16...Ke7 which reduces the kingside pieces to complete paral-

17.Bf4! Rxf4 18.Bxd7+ Oxd7 19.Qf4 Qc8 20.Rh3! Ne7 21.Rf3 Nf5 22.Rc3 Bc5 23.Rxc5! Qxc5 24.Qb8+ Ke7 25.Qxb7+ 1-0

THE following White-to-play-and-win problem is one of my favorite endgame studies. Many players would reluctantly agree to a draw in this position, but White forces his opponent into the subtlest of zugzwangs in order to administer the sweetest of mates.



Solution: 1,b7+ Kxb7 2.a6+ KbS. Any other move would result in mate after 3.QeS 3.Qe8+ Qc8 4.Qh5+ Ka8 5.Qc6+ Kb8 6.Kc1!! The most seemingly imocuous move is the deadliest. Black is forced to move, and relinquish the defense against mate on b7. Nothing can prevent 6.Qb7++ 1-0



# Tips to enjoy the outdoors

Spring PRINGTIME, particularly since there are holidays that give one time to get out and see other places, is a time for viewing the wealth that nature has to offer. Whether one wants to take a trip of a few hours to a nearhy forest, visit a nature reserve, or make an extended visit to a different part of the country, there is something to be seen and enjoyed. For those who especially want to see wildflowers, there is nothing more rewarding than a simple

walk in Galilee, the Jezreel Valley, or the Jerusalem hills. The Negev and the Judean Desert, where recent rains have produced carpets of wildflowers, are a delight. Birdwatchers should check out

the Hula nature reserve, the ponds of Gush Dan, the Galilee and Beit She an fish ponds, and - to find warblers and other songbirds - any convenient orchard or plantation.

birds, and wildflowers as well. But the most important thing of D'VORA BEN SHAUL all is to go with the right attitude toward these treasures. Show The orchards and plantations around Jerusalem and in the upper respect for all plants, animals, Negev are especially rich right now. Viewing mammals is a hit hardbirds, and even lesser creatures and for the very earth itself. Don't er because so many of them are nocturnal. However, ibexes, gazelles and hyraxes wander

drive all-terrain vehicles onto sand dunes or shorelines. Try not to be noisy, that may scare around the Ein Gedi nature awaythe animals. Nature reserves reserve; ibexes and gazelles roam are not a place for transistor around Eilat and in the Arava; and radios, shonting or dogs. hyraxes can be found all over Also, don't litter or bury litter Galilee, wherever there are under rocks or in shallow holes, orchards, and in the Jerusalem

These items get dug up by animals and, since plastic bags are indi-Hills. Go early in the morning or before twilight, but while there is gestible, they kill many animals that inadvertently eat them. If there is no appropriate place for garbage, bag it and take it bome for disposed. The best rule when visiting again all areas is to take nothing away but Remember to slow down since even though one can see a few animals from the main highway at a speed of 100 km. per hour, on any country road at 50 or 60 km/h memories and photographs and to one will be treated to animals.

for Dr. Rand

MATTHEW GRANOVEITER

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The biggest trend in bridge tournaments these days is senior events for players. aged 55 and over. At last year's world olympiad, the first Seniors Swiss Teams competition was won by a team including Dr. Nissan Rand and Moshe Katz of Tel Aviv. At the recent Philip Morris European Mixed Teams championships in Monte Carlo, Rand and Katz, with the help of their female partners, Ora Dan of Rehovot, and Ziva

Yanir of Tel Aviv, did it again ... sort of. There was no senior event but the organizers decided to give a special trophy for the best score by an all-senior team. Now, of course, not every man and woman in this event was willing to admit to being over 55. In fact, one of the more youthful-

looking women on the Israeli. team was required to show her passport to prove she was indeed onalified! Dr. Rand, who in real life is a leading nutritionist in the field of chicken feeding, showed he not

only knows the right formulas for growing healthy birds but is also knowledgeable in the equal-ly complex field of card combinations. This week's deal is proof of this, Rand bringing home a difficult four heart contract by taking three variations of

in part led to the the cardplay, In short, they leave nothing behind but footprints. - revealed too much of their hand

patterns. After Rand opened one notrump on the South cards. West overcalled two clubs to show both minors. North took advantage by cuebidding three chibs to show both majors. East bid three diamonds and Rand bid three hearts. When this was raised to four, the auction concluded.

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WEST made a very unusual opening lead, underleading the ace, but this did not hurt the defense because East held the king. At trick two a diamond was returned through South's queen and ruffed in dummy with the deuce of hearts. Rand led a spade and immediately finessed the jack. He knew from the bidding that West held the minors and, therefore, that East was likely to hold the length and strength in the majors.

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After the jack of spades held, he took his second finesse, but a more interesting one. In fact, its name is "the intra-finesse." He led the nine of hearts and when West played low, he played low from dummy, losing the trick to East's queen.

The intra-finesse is a finesse through a low honor card in preparation to smother that card later in the game. This is exactly what happened.

East returned a third diamond ruffed in dummy and now the bare jack of hearts was led. East played. the \_ seven.: and . Rand finessed for a third time, pinning West's ten. Next came a spade to his ace and he drew the last trump with the ace of hearts. Finally, Dr. Rand gave up a club but had lost only three tricks, one heart, one diamond and one club, to make his deligate contract.

Notice it would not have helped West to cover Rands nine of hearts with the ten, when the intra-finesse was executed. Rand would cover the ten with dummy's jack and have a kimple finesse position of the 498 over the king on the next round.

Dr. Rand, who often takes time out in international events to make kiddush for the Jewish playmake knowsh for the Jewish play-ers on Friday evenings, was quick to point out that in Kabbala, three is, a sposial number, la this case. As along for some with and the Euler possible threese - and only other possible threese - and would have lost - was the one 3.5 1

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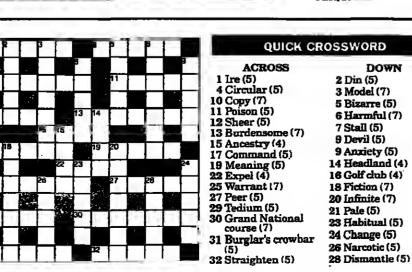
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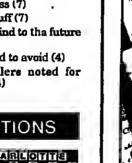


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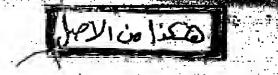
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# El Al shops around for new terminals

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Prepare for landing - not at Heathrow and JFK - but at Stansted and Newark Airports, Steve Rodan reports

THE flight can be first class or economy, but the airpoin which travelers use is the same. And, with the rapidly increasing volume of international travel, airports are usually crowd-ed, noisy, and difficult to reach. Often by the time you reach the

departure terminal you don't feel like flying at all. El Al has faced this problem more than other airlines. As it serves a small but active niche market it must remain sensitive to its passengers' needs even when they are not on board. In the cutthroat competition for passengers, every advantage counts - including airport convenience. As a result, Israel's national air

carrier has been shopping for new airports to enable it to expand its services. One airport has been Stansted, a small facility outside Eondon. The airport is five years old with annual passenger traffic of only about four million, compared to seven million at Ben-Gurion Airport. Stansted has about the same dri-

Ving time from London, as, Beathrow or Gatwick arports. But 3) Stansted is closer to the northeast section of London where many of, El Al's Jewish customers live. Stansted, run by a company framed BAA, is also the cream of

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Britam's new private apports. The facility sits in a farge hangar-like building with transparent walls and a ceiling that provides natural lighting during the day. The air-port terminals are unusually quiet, something that results from polite passengers; lack of incessant announcements, and in back-ground masse

A private airport also means few employees. Stansted has 500 workers, half of them security. guards. Ben-Gunion Airport has 5,000 employees. A: monotail takes passengers

from the arrival to departure ter-minal. The train is automated. Nobody drives it; nobody opens the doors. An automatic speaker

system directs passengers. There are few cleaning person-nel A system of cameras scans the entire airport. If something is dirty, then it is cleaned. Otherwise, it is left alone.

Private also means flexibility. An Er Al flight arriving late at night does not leave its passengers stranded at Stansted. The airport management merely orders a train to take the customers to London. It's 45 minutes and one stop. In addition, El Al is a valuable customer for Stansied because it is the only airline flying from Stansted to the US.,

London's Gatwick Airport is being supplanted by Stansted as a preferred landing site for El Al.

IN THE US, El Al has also sought alternatives to its traditional routes. John F. Kennedy Airport in New York is what Heathrow is to London: a buge, overcrowded

El Al had other problems at JFK. Its biggest difficulty was catering to passengers who would proceed to other US cities. JFK handles

IN Fasb'ha, a large oasis and nature reserve on the nonthwestern shores of the

Known in Hebrew as Einot

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relatively few domestic flights, so often the passengers would be required to drag their luggage to other airports, such as La Guardia. which, depending upon the traffic,

The solution has been Newark Airport. The facility is far smaller rhan JFK, serving about 28 mil-

> red crab which can be seen making its way slowly along the bed of the water channel.

Although there are dozens of plenic tables and benches throughout the site, he points with pride at his favorite, a table hidden away in the shade of a stand of reeds. There is a wide stream separating the table from the main path, crossed by a wooden walkway. It is actually one of the few picnic tables which visitors cannot approach in their cars.

Visitors can also drive up to the shore of the Dead Sea, where there is a large supply of the rich black mud said to ameliorate skin problems. Because the sea steadily recedes from the shore, a long earth tongue projects into the



## lion passengers per year. The Dead Sea's magic kingdom

HAIM SHAPIRO

can take up to an hour.

Mike Goldberg

Newark's speciality is domestic flights. While JFK has 95 international terminals, Newark bas about a dozen

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But unlike JFK, Newark is a domestic hub. That means that a passenger flying from Israel can disembark at Newark and catch a flight to just about any major US city. For El Al, it means that Americans outside of the five cities to which the airline flies no longer need to drive their travel agent crazy trying to string together a route to Israel.

But having a convenient airport is not enough. El Al has entered a joint effort with Continental Airlines that would allow EI Al passengers to fly from any US destination to a connecting El Al flight. The service is a boon to travel agents and to passengers. Like Stansied, Newark is

expanding its facility and making it easier to be reached. The airport is preparing to launch its monorail in June, Eventually, the monorail will connect the airport to Amtrak train service to cities such as New York. Washington, and Philadelphia.

Unlike Stansted, train service to Newark airport is nonexistent and bus service is hampered by the huge traffic janus from New York

to New Jersey. Still, El Al has high hopes for both Stansted and Newark, El Al flies daily to Newark, except for Friday nights. During its spring schedule, which ends in mid-June, El Al flies from Stansted to Tel Aviv on Monday, Friday, and Sunday, The airlinc flies from Stansted to Newark on Sunday, Thursday, and Friday.



Tanny has many autoones. <sup>1</sup> Entering through the brick gate-ways of this tiny Victorian seaside commonity, you can immediately sense that you have arrived at a special place, of the kind that the velocity would by the seasons all tourist attraction. If the doing to the season of the seasons of the seasons all tourist attraction. "already exist. This is an authendic. Hved in community. Most of its homes are Victorian

and most of them are immaculate - with nurets, upper-level porches, surped canvas awningsand flower boxes. Even pay phones are in pseudo-Victorian boxes. Ocean Grove's sloping beach is pleasant, not too narrow and bot too crowded. But beach passes must be purchased to use it." Many people here spend their summers living in a tidy neighborhood of 114 tent structures surrounding Great Auditorium, Ocean Grove's most prominent landmark. While Ocean Grove has long attracted older folks, it is now becoming popular with younger couples and those with small children.

Ocean Grove is "dry" - no bars or nightclubs, no alcohol served in restainants. Not a noisy, tacky, houky-tonk, hard-partying beach rown, it is so quiet and peaceful that even a loud car radio seems inappropriate.

No highways rumble through the community, which has no traffic lights or parking meters. You can park your car for free, right along the boardwalk in mid-July, and leave it there until you go home.

Easily walkable, Ocean Grove covers less than two and a half square kilometers, but seems - 5

more spacious. One reason is Ocean Pathway, a wide lawn between the boardwalk and the Great Auditorium.

Much about Ocean Grove makes you feel you've gone back . in time - maybe not 100 years, but certainly 30 or 40 - from the oldfashioned Sampler Cafeteria, to Days Ice Crean Parlor, to the huge interior of Great Auditorium, to tiny hotel rooms with no air-conditioning and shared baths.

Ocean Grove was created in 1869 as "a Christian seaside resort" a place Methodists could go for summer religious revivals. called camp meetings, without the "secular influences" of other 19th-century beach communities. Week-long camp meetings are still held here, although now they

are interdenominational.

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Ocean Grove's Great Auditorium is surrounded by 114 tents where most visitors to the town stay. Randy Craft/Allentown Morning Calls

Not everyone in Ocean Grove is Methodist, Protestant or even Christian The "doors are open" to anyone who wants to visit or live here, said Dr. Anna Nichols, a camp-meeting association trustee. She noted 25 percent of the association's trustees are not Methodists.

Old photos in the camp meeting association office show Ocean Grove's boardwalk area has changed little since the 1920s. The only structures on the boardwaik are the pavilion, a "members' only" fishing pier and a north end building that houses a restaurant and a couple of stores. No chain restaurants, hotels or stores are in town. With fewer than 10,000 year-cound residents, Nichols, said there isu't enough business to support them. There is a family-owned supermarket, a pharmacy, one Methodist church, a few banks and several restaurants. This isn't a town for everyone. The biggest drawback is that most rooms in its more than two dozen old Victorian hotels and guest houses don't have private baths, air conditioning, phones or TVs. But there are exceptions. One is

baths, phones, TVs and central. air-conditioning. Great Auditorium is the heart of Ocean Grove. The massive pompkin-colored building with bur-gundy trim seats about 6,500. Billy Graham and Richard Nixon are among the many famous people who have spoken bere.

Tents around the auditorium are leased seasonally, often to the same families for decades. (The Allentown Morning Call)

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the recently renovated Ocean Plaza. Its 18 rooms have private

dunk themselves. Many of the pools are extremely shallow and thus suitable for small children.

In the years following the Six-Day War, Ein Fash ha - four kilometers south of Oumran - was inundated by Israeli visitors enchanted with its beauty. However, on a recent visit. I found that practically all the visitors were residents of the territories, with a few IDF soldiers here and there.

Ein Fash ha offers solitude and lush scenery.

Mahmoud Abu-Ghosh, director of the site, says many Israelis do come, especially on holidays. There are also visitors from all

over the world, he says. He stresses that for him Ein Fash'ha is above politics. It is particularly favored by large families, who cannot afford to spend much on

entertainment. Most families bring their own meat and grill it at the reserve, he says. "I'm just concerned that everyone should enjoy themselves,"

Abu-Ghosh stresses. He points with delight to the fish which swim in the springs and the

pools, and at the occasional small

water, providing access. In fact, the visitors' area, with its picnic tables, pools and car paths, is less than half of the five-squarekilometer nature reserve. The other part is permanently closed to visitors, thus making it a true refuge for the wildlife of the area.

Ein Fash'ha is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is NIS 20 for children as well as adults.

## Feel the salt on your brow – on 'Lot's Wife'

#### TRAVEL TIPS HAIM SHAPIRO

ESPITE the apparent exodus from Israel of the greater part of the country, thousands of people are still here, and there are plenty of things for them to do during the holiday, including taking a boat trip on the Dead Sea.

The vessel, Lot's Wife, is operat-ed by Kibbutz Ein Gedi and the Dead Sea Sailing Company, and will operate hour-long excursions at 1) a.m. and 2 p.m. daily. The price is NIS 45 per person.

IN ACRE, visitors can take advanlage of free tours every hour on the hour, from 9 a.m. 10 5 p.m. The tours are available in Hebrew and English, as well as French, Arabic, German and Spanish.

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NWO WONDERFUL GALLEDDAYS

IN JERUSALEM, the Museum of Italian Jewish Art has an exhibition of ancient and modern ritual objects. The museum is open on Hol Hamoed from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

IN THE Latrun area, the local tourism association is sponsoring two tours for cars, along the "Wine Route" and the "Oil Route," and one for jeeps, along the Burma Road, on Saturday and Wednesday. For information and to register, tel. (050) 251381 or (08) 8502240.

KIBBUTZ KFAR Hanassi is holding a Sheep-Shearing Festival from Monday through Wednesday. with activities for the entire family. For information (el. (06) 6914870.

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to make wheelchairs available for those who have difficulty walking at the Hula, Tel Dan, and Neor Kedumim reserves and at Jerusalem's Botanical Gardens where paths have been prepared for the disabled. At Caesarea, Beit She an and Avdat, wheelchairs will also be provided on existing paths. VISITORS WILL be able to see

the reenactment of a village from the talmudic period at Katzrin Park. during Hol Hamoed. A similar reenactment from the days of the Mishna is to take place on

Sunday and Monday at Tzipori.

A FESTIVAL of music, workshops and crafts for sale is to be held in the caves of Beit Guvrin on Saturday, Sunday and Monday, A Crusader fair at Caesarea and an old-fashioned country fair, at the Eshkol National Park in the Negev will take place those same days.

FOR CHILDREN. a fairy-tale playland will take place at Sachne on Saturday and Sunday, when the Nabatean town of Mamshit resumes its character as a spice route station.





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PRETORIA (Reuter) - South Africa's top fioance nfficials moved tn soothe s jittery foreign exchange market vesterday as the rand hovered just above its alltime low against the dollar.

New Finance Minister Trevnr Manuel and Reserve Bank goveroor Chris Stals showed a united front at a jniot oews confereoce, backing a gradual approach to remaving exchange cootrols and scatching talk that the central

bank chief might resign.

icy," Manuel said in reference to rumors that he may mave to abolish fareign exchange contrals more quickly than anticipated leading in an nutflow of capital. "There is going to be on reck-

lessness no my part." Manuel added there had never been a dispute between his ministry and the Reserve Bank over exchange cootrol policy and that no major policy decisions would be taken in coming weeks.

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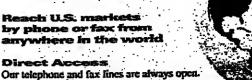
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The rand has been under pressure amid fears of a change of policy uoder African Natinnal Coogress minister Manuel, who

took over from the non-political former banker Chris Liebenberg at midnight. Manuel's appointment puts President Nelson Mandela's African National Congress firmly in control of fiscal policy for the first time since the democratic elections.

The rand fell almost 15 cents against the dollar on Wednesday to a new low nf 4.14. By late last. evening local time it had recov-ered to 4.085 amid Reserve Bank intervention to smooth volatility and provide liquidity.



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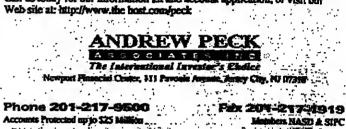
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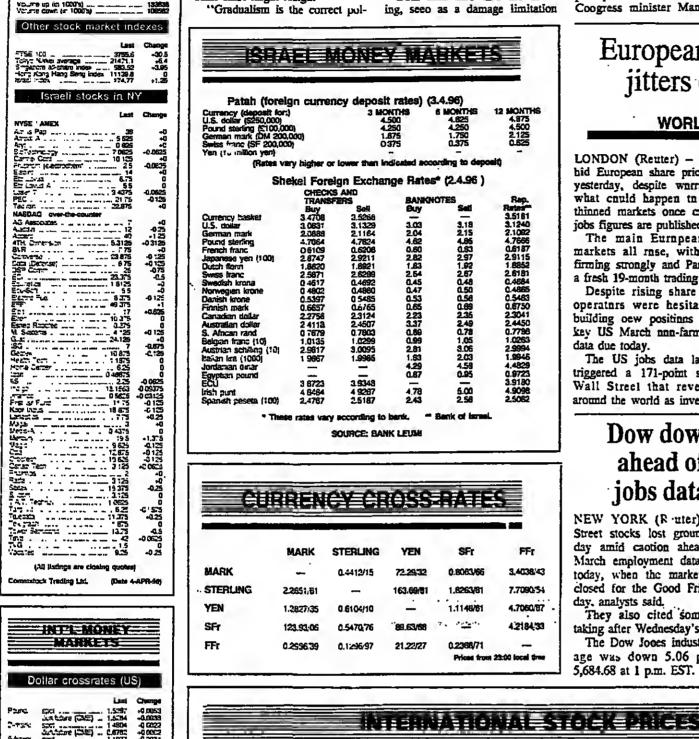
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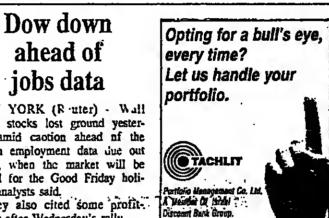
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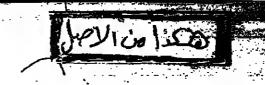
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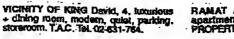
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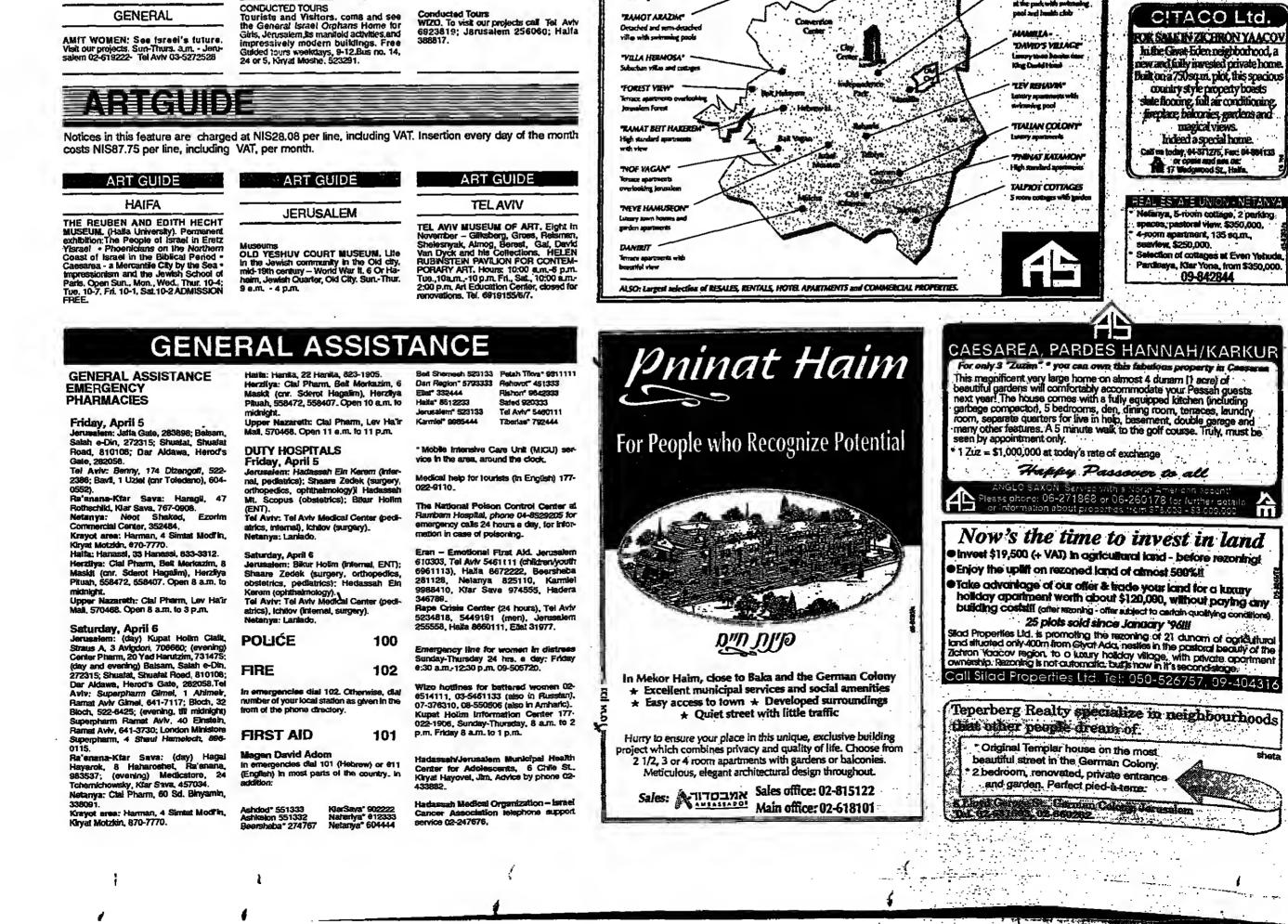
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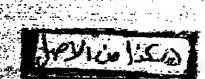
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# **B-G** Airport jammed as thousands holiday abroad

#### HAIM SHAPIRO, ARIEH O'SULLIVAN, and news agencies

BEN-GURION Airport was jammed with out-going passengers last night, as thousands of Israelis left for a Pessah vacation following a seder at home. El Al spokesman Nachman Klieman estimated that the airline would be flying 11,000 passengers between the end of the first day of Pessah and the beginning of Shabbat.

He said thousands of others have already left the country afternoon oo foreign airlines

Thousands of other Israelis spent the holiday in the Galilee, despite the recent tension along the northern border. Hoteliers in the region reported

they were filled to near capacity. One Jewish group of 97 came from abroad to spend the holiday week in Nahariya's Carlton Hotel. "We came to the Western Galilee, among other reasons, as a sign of identity with the people of the North," said Rohbie Davidman, organizer of the group of Young Israel members from the US and Britain.

Carrying oo with IDF traditioo, Chief of General Staff L1.-Geo. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak celbrated the seder with troops. This year, Shahak, together with his family, chose the Judea and Samaria Divisoo, where they participated in the seder at divison headquarters to Beit El, the army said.

Last year, Shahak celebrated seder with the Liaison Unit in Lebanon.

Meanwhile, what was said to be the world's largest seder io this tiny Himalayan kingdom. About 1,000 Jews took part, organizers said.

Many of the participants at the Kathmandu seder were young Israeli backpackers, organizers from the Lubavitch World Headquarters in New York said.

Yes. I feel the absence of my family. But I am happy for being able to celebrate together with other friends," said Golan Hova, 21, who is oo a trip to Nepal after completing ber army service. "All Israelis are like a family.

Two rabbis seot by the Lubavitch Headquarters led the seder.

"Pessah is the unity of the Jews as a oatioo and expresses our feelings of being united," Rabbi Levi Wolf 22, said

Organizers said about one too of kosher meat, wine, Haggadot. and provisions were sent by the Lubavitch headquarters.

In Sarajevo. Jews celebrated Pessah three days late two years ago, because the matza didn't make it

through the siege on time. Last year, sniper bullets killed a French UN soldier minutes before the seder. This year, the tiny Jewish community gathered in peace.

Community leader Jakob Finci said there was a special message for Bosnia in the Pessah story: Once you reach your liberation ... there is no reason for hate."

"For the last two years we celebrated Pessah with prayers for freedom," be said. "Now, we achieved peace.

After four years of war, the Jews of Sarajevo had to skip most of the dinner - but more than 200 gathered in the synagogue for the seder

American-born Rabbi Moshe Tutnaner, who now lives in Jerusalem, led the seder for a congregation which has not had its own rabbi for 30 years.

Finci, who is president of La Benevolencia, the 104-year-old Jewisb humanitarian society, said another important message of Passover for Bosnia is.

"Yon have to forgive; you don't have to forget." "Maybe we can help Moslems, Serbs, and Croats again to live together," he said. "In all the holy books of all the religions, it is written that we have to forgive."

The Jewish community in Sarajevo is one of the oldest in former Yugoslavia, founded by Jews who fled Spain in 1565. Almost no Jews were left bere after World War II, but the community was gradually reestablished and about 1,200 lived bere before the break-up of Yugoslavia. Finci said about 1,000 Jews left after fighting

started in 1992, but about 300 people with Jewish heritage joined the congregation during the war, and it now numbers about 500.

But the seder night congregation was overwhelmingly grey-haired, with only a dozen children. There was a sprinkling of what Finci called "wandering Jews" from the US, Israel, and the Netherlands.

The American Jewisb Joint Distribution Committee flew in matza and wine from Israel. Sherry Hahn, of Arlington, Mass., who came with 75 tons of humanitarian aid collected by American branches of Hadassah, also brought a kosher chicken bone for the seder plate.

But there is oo kosher meat in Sarajevo, so the congregation cojoyed a meal of eggs, matza filled with cheese or vegetables, and wine.

SOME 50 years after Palmah members and Hanoar Ha'oved Vehalomed youths set out on camels to discover the Negev, another caravan is set to retrace the route during Pessah to discuss ways of boosting the local econo-

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my and tourism. The origioal reconnaissance party toured for eight days in January 1945 to map the area, which was still out of bounds to Jews by order of the British Mandate. The information gathered is considered to bave played a vital role LIAT COLLINS

#### in later allowing Israeli forces to take Eilat.

Among those on the original trip were then-Jewish Agency head David Ben-Gurion, and Shimon Persky, then head of the Noar Ha'oved Vehalomed youth movement, who reportedly changed his name to Peres during the trip, after seeing a vulture. peres in Hebrew. At Umm Rashrash (today's Eilat), some of the

Negev pioneers retrace their tracks 50 years later

oned by the British.

Peres was expected to take part in the tour last night, along with Finance Minister Avraham Shohat, a former mayor of Arad. The eight-day tour, still on camels but anything but secret, is

> vivim, which in 1945 was the most southerly point settled by Jews. Participants will sleep under the stars at night and discuss a different aspect of developing the

Negev, such as tourism, industry environment protection. The participants include geologists, archeologists, botanists, and educators, as well as tourism entrepreneurs. Among the Bednin members of the tour will be Amar Abn Mnammar, the son of Oda Abu Amar, who participat-ed in the original trek. Hikers will be able to join the

riders for the discussions at different points. Details will be available at information booths throughout the Negev.

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stand that fighting extremum is not an easy task. We understand

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ments to protect the innocent

people from all extremism. But

we understand also that, in this task, our, governments, should never include in the same logic of violence which it condemns itself

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Churches' Easter message asks **Palestinians to stop violence** 

IN an Easter message issued Tuesday, the heads of the Christian churches in Jerusalem called upon the Palestinians to stop violence, bot they also called upon the Israeli government to ease up Catholics and Protestants are

to mark Easter this Sunday, while the Orthodox churches are to celebrate the festival the following week. Thousands of pilgrims are expected for the holiday, including an as yet unspecified number of Coots from Egypt.

"We address our appeal to our Palestinian people, Christians and Moslems, and invite them to

HAIM SHAPIRO

allow peace to be born and to cease all violence," says the mes-sage, which is signed by the heads of all the historio churches, in Jerusaiem. a way chanter and but T: The : thatch leaders ...... dress the same appeal to the lewish people, noting that the Palestinians are the parmers of the Israelis in the peace process."

The present security measures are punishing only Palestinians, the church leaders and. In a sepa-"As we sympathize with the families of the victims of extremrate appeal, the church leaders called on the government to stop ism, we feel the pain of every. home and every family deprived from jobs, exposed to a painful land expropriations in daily life, due to the closure int-Bethichent. --

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### **NEWS IN BRIEF**

Girl, 5, dies in car accident Odelia Iliya, 5, was killed and her parents and four other relatives were injured when a truck crashed head-on into their car on the Kirvat Gat-Kiryat Malachi road on Wednesday afternooo. The father, who was driving the family south for the holiday, had pulled the car over to the shoulder. ltim

### Car hits child crossing street

A six-year-old boy was injured in Rishon Lezion last night by a car which ran into him as he was crossing the street. After receiving first aid from Magen David Adom, he was brought to Sheba Hospital at Tel Hashomer. Itin

#### Settlements get money

The Knesset Finance Committee yesterday authorized the transfer of some NIS 20 million to settlements in Judea, Samaria and Gaza and the Golan Heights for development and agricultural projects. The Golan Heights settlements were allocated NIS 5m; Judea and Samaria NIS 5.5m; Gush Katif and Har Hevroo, NIS 4.5m.; and the Jordan Valley settlements, NIS 5m.

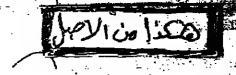
The funds will be forwarded via the Jewish Agency. The committee also decided to transfer NIS 26m. to the Druse sector. Liat Colling Liat Collins

Army APCs getting better armor IDF armored personnel carriers, repeatedly subject to Sagger missile attacks in South Lebanon, are getting new, home-grown armor protection, the Defense Ministry said. Developed by Rafael, the protection system is being installed on the M-113 APC currently in operational duty in the IDF, the ministry said. Arich O'Sullian

Rothschild Prize winners named The 1996 Rothschild Prizes are to be awarded to Tel Aviv University Prof. Moshe Gil for Jewish studies; Weizmann Institute Prof. Yosef Imri for physics; and TAU Prof. Edward Kosover for chemistry. The awards will be presented on May 26, the Rothschild Prizes Organization announced. Jerusalem Post Staff

Aviv, Yonatan Gefen in joint show Pop superstar Aviv Gefen will host his father playwright, anthor, and entertainer, Yonatan Gefen - at a special one-time concert at the 1996 Israel Festival. Aviv will perform numbers from his latest release, The Letter, and a selection of his father's songs. This is the first time they have appeared together and there are hints they may even sing together. Helen Kaye







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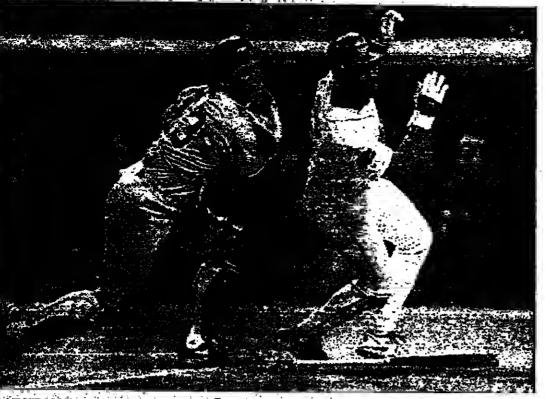
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IT AIN'T NOTHING "TIL I CALL IT - Yankees catcher Jim Leyritz and Indians Kenny Lofton look to the home plate umpire for the call. Lofton was out trying to score on an infield grounder. (Reuter)

# **Twins romp over Tigers**

Astros 5, Dodgers 2 Mike Hampton outpitched 1995 Rookie of the Year Hideo Nomo, and

Derek Bell drove in two runs as

Nomo was wild from the start. He had five walks over the first four in-nings and left in the fifth after consec-utive doubles by Jeff Bagwell and Bell and a single to Sean Berry pro-

Cardinals 5, Mets 3

the bottom of the seventh inning

scored winning patcher Todo Stottle-

myre with an uncarned run that broke a 3-3 tie. The 30-year-old Stottlemyre, mak-ing his NL debut after eight seasons in the AL, allowed five hits in 7 innings,

Rovce Clayton's two-out single in

Houston won at home.

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MINNEAPOLIS (AP) - Rou. Coomer had three hits and three RBIs, and three Detroit errors led to six uncarned runs as the Minnesota Twins scored 14 straight times to rally for a 16-7 victory Wednesday over the Tigers.

Minnesota won its first series of 1996. The Twins needed nearly two months to accomplish that last season.

Minnesota, which started the season with Kirby Puckett and three other players on the disabled list, scored its most runs since a 17-7 victory over Boston on August 10, 1994, the last game before the strike. Roberto Kelly also drove in three runs for the Twins in his duced two runs. Nomo, 13-6 last year and the start-ing pitcher for the National League All-Stars last season, allowed seven bits and struck out two is taking the first game of the season, and reliever Pat Mahomes won with 4 shatout innings Denoit's Cecil Fielder hit his

first homer of the season, a threerun drive that capped -a six-run third. But errors by reliever. Mike Christopher, third baseman Travis Fryman and left fielder Melvin Nieves helped the Twins score five tuns in the third and six in the

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Rangers 7, Red Sox 2 . 15-mph wind, went over the right-field fence and landed outside Wrig-Juan Gouzaiez and Mickey Tettletoo both drove in two runs, leading ley Field for a 4-0 lead. Texas to home win. Gouzalez hit a two-run triple and

Braves 15, Glants 2 Fred McGriff set a career high with drew three walks. Tettleton hit three six RBIs, and host Atlanta showed its singles and also stole his first base in hitting might be as good as its vaunted pitching. The Braves scored 10 or more runs three years. Ivan Rodriguez had an

RBI double and three singles. Roger Pavlik (1-0) struck out eight in siz innings. Tom Gordon (0-1), signed as a free agent in December, lasted only 3 innings in his Boston in only six games last season, but have now done it twice against the Giants, winning the season opener 10-8. The Braves scored in 11 straight innings, including the last four Monday. NATIONAL LEAGUE

Javier Lopez hit a three-run homer and Ryan Kleskn hnmered for the second game in a row, giving the Braves seven homers in two games.

They had 16 his Wednesday. McGriff, who got hot in the final days of spring training, has remained tourid in the regular season, He hit a two-run homer in the opener, and now has driven in eight runs. He had five RBIs in a game seven times pre-viously, most recently against the Gi-ants on April 26, 1995. Phillies 3, Rockies 1 Rockie Mike Grace, making only bit third anatomously in the point

his third appearance in the major leagues, carried a shutnut into the much inning. But the 25-year-old right-hander left after Ellis Burks homered in open

the top of the final inning. Ricky Bottalico got the final three outs for the

Grace allowed five hits, struck nut three while walking one. He also helped himself defensively, snaring two hund grounders and the starting Rockie's starter Marvin Freeman

Expos 8, Reds 4

NATIONAL LEAGUE

error-prone Cincinnati.

# **Collymore's late strike** wins for Liverpool

LIVERPOOL (AP) - Stan Collymore scored an injury-time winner for Liverpool over Newczstle in a 4-3 thriller at Aofreld Wednesday for a result that may well hand the Premier League title to Manchester United.

Liverpool hit hack from 2-1 and 3-2 down and Collymore's strikes earned Roy Evans team the three points which keeps it io title coulention. Leader Manchester United has 67 points from 32 games, second place Newcastie has 64 from 31 and Liverpool now has 62 from 32.

In a pulsating game hefore 40,000 fans 31 Anfield, goals from Eogland striker Les Ferdinand, French forward David Gioola and Colombian Faustino Asprilla appeared to have given Kevin Keegan's Newcastle the edge.

A victory would have put Newcastle level oo points with Mancbester Uoited and virtually killed off Liverpool's sitle chances.

But Robhie Fowler netted two for Liverpool to take his total for the season to 35 and Collymore hit two to reach 17. The Newcastle fans watched Collymore's 92nd-mroute match-wiooer in stumned disbelief.

Liverpool raced into the lead after two minotes when Collymore broke past 2 defender on the left and seot over a cross that

Fowler headed home from three vards.

But Newcastle hit back with two goals in four minutes.

Asprilla slipped the ball through Neil Ruddock's legs and then seot over a cross from the right. Ferdinand controlled the hall and spun round before firing powerfully into the roof of the net from 10 yards.

Four minutes later, Newcastle made a swift break from its own penalty hox and Ferdinand played a slick pass through to Ginola. The Former Paris Saint Germain forward outplaced Jason McAleer before running through to shoot home.

Nine minutes into the second balf, Sleve McManaman, with four Newcasile defenders converging on the edge of the penalty area, made a neat sideways pass to Fowler who fired the ball first time past goalkeeper Pavel Smicek from 15 vards.

into the Newcastle penalty area, Collymore arrived at the far post to hit the ball home.

The game appeared set for the

Betar J'lem hosts Mac TA in State Cup quarter-finals DEREK FATTAL

THE weekend's top State Cup attraction will be at Teddy Stadium tomorrow for the crunch game between Betar Jerusalem and Maccabi Tel Aviv.

Betar's home defeat two weeks ago by Maccabi Haifa virtually killed off its title challenge. A successful campaign in the State Cup therefore provides the Jerusalemites with a chance of rescuing their season as well as the added bonus of a place in Europe.

The Tel Avivians - currently seeking a League and Cup double - will not be easy fodder for the Betaris, and are unlikely to be intimidated by a trip. to Teddy.

Current cup holder Maccabi Haita takes on this

result neither team wanted. A tie means one point for each but Collymore made sure all three went

to Liverpool. Team-mates John Barnes and substitute lan Rush seemed to fumble and hesitate over the ball inside the Newcastle area before Baroes spotted Collymore overlapping on the left. He slipped the ball out to the striker who powered it first-time into the net

from an acute angle. In another Premier League game, Brian Deane scored a 73rd-minute for Leeds in a 1-0 victory over relegation-threatened Southampton.

The Saints remain on 28 points from 32 games, just one place above the three-team relegation zone and a point better off.

#### **Premier League**

Relegation struggler Betar Tel Aviv gets an op-

portunity to dispel its National League blues against

Ironi Rishon Lezion. Ironi has had the stronger

showing between the 1 vo sides, with a comprehen-

sive 3-0 win over Hapoel Beit She'an in the last

round, while Betar only edged past Zafririm Holon

The final Cup fixture is between Bnei Yehuda and

Maccabi Petah Tikva. In the most recent matchup

between the two mid-table National League sides.

Maccabi ended 3-1 winners. The going is likely to be

mich, harder this time with Bnei Yehuda having

With the focus on the Cup there are no National

Taiha following a marathou hearing on Tuesday. The court handed down its verdict on the events which led to the abandooment of last weekend's fixture between the two clubs with Raritat Gan leading 2-0. The court has ordered the teams to replay the game behind closed doors at Ramat Gan's ground,

Ramai Gan's Yuval Naim was given a four-month han.

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THE IFA's disciplinary court

yesterday ordered a replay be-

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Fioes were meted out to Ramat Gan coach Reuven Cohen (NIS 5,000), chairman Ronnie Abiri (NIS 10,000), and club official Foni Ashkenazi (NIS 5,000). Hapoel Taiba was fined NIS 5,000 for the unsportintanlike conduct of Taiba Mayor Rafik haj Yihye who is a club offical, for his over-zealous jubilation following what he thought was his club' unexpected victory.

**Israel-Spain Davis Cup** action today

### **ORI LEWIS**

ISRAEL'S No. 1 racket Eyal Ran, kicks off Israel's Davis Cup challenge against favored Spain's Carlos Costa in the Davis Cup tie which starts at Ramat Hasharon today.

The second match pits No. 2 Eyal Erlich agaiost, Alberto Costa.

Ran will play the first singles ruhher oo Sunday against Alherto Costa, with Erlich slated against Carlos Costa.

Both teams have named provisional doubles lineups, with Israel fielding Ofer Sela and Noam Behr against Alex Coretja and Emilio Sanchez.

Alberto Costa is ranked 18 in the ATP standings while Carlos

But two minutes later, Asprilla heat the Liverpool offside trap and raced clear to slip the ball home to restore Newcastle's lead at 3-2. Liverpool hit hack again and, wheo Jason McAteer drove a well-judged cross from the left

scoud straight house loss when Andy Pettitle outpitched former teammate Jack McDowell. - The Yankees have started out with

two consecutive wins in Cieveland. The indians, coming off a 54-18 home iscord that was the best in baseball, did not lose two in a row at Jacobs Field last year until mid-August. + Pettitte (1-0) allowed one run and seven hits in 6 innings. Jeff Nelson finished for a save in his Yankees denu

McDowell (0-1), who left the Yankees as a free agent in the offseason; lost in his debut for the AL champions. He yielded four rans, two of them earned, on six hiss in 6 innings. Orioles 7, Royals 1

Roberto Alomar and Rafael Palmeno hit consecutive home runs and David Wells won his Baltimore debut as the host Orioles wan despite bouncing into a triple play. Bobby Bonilla had two hits and drove in two runs. But his double-play grounder in the sixth inning. tuned into a triple play when Alomar was caught trying to score. The Royals turned their first triple play since May 14, 1994.

Wells (1-0), a left-hander acquired in an off-season trade with Cincinnati, allowed one run on five hits in seven innings. Mark Gubicza (0-1) lasted only four innings and left trailing 7-0.

Alomar and Tony Tarasco each had three of Baltimore's 14 hits. White Sox 4, Mariners 2

Tony Phillips led off the game with a home run and visiting Chicago went on to its first victory of the season. Phillips hit the 22nd leadoff homer

of his career, and later doubled and singled. He went 3-for-5 after opening the season 0-for-7 in two games. Phillips homered nu the fourth pitch by mokie Bob Wolcott (0-1).

SCRUMS and lineouts, alias rug-

by, will be on show at Herzliya's

Soccer Stadium on Sunday at 3

pm when Israel hosts Lnxem-

bourg in the FIRA European

Rugby tournament, the first in-

Although a member of the

Federation Internationale de Ruz-

by Amateur for the past four

years, Israel's repeated requests

to play against European nations

were politely turned down, pre-

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including a shoe run bacher by exgame in the sixth. Ron Gant, who had a two-run homer off Jason Isringhansen to open the scoring in the fourth, drove in three runs and scored two for St. Louis. walked three and struck out two.

Padres 7, Cubs 5 Ken Canindi broke open the game with a three-run homer, and finished with four RBIs as visiting San Diego recovered from a tough opening-day

The Expos scored twn uncarned It was appropriate that Caminiti, whose 26 homers led the Padres by a runs in the seventh and batted around wide margin last season, hit their first home run of 1996. The third-inning for five uncarned runs in the eighth as the Reds' defense let down with a 4-1 lead and the bullnen allowed nine hits shot off Frank Castillo cut through a in the last three innings.

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season's No. 1 giant killer, Maccabi Sha'arayim. took the loss, leaving the game in the sixth after straining his left groin as be Third Division Sha'arayim has so far accounted for charged off the mound after a foul six scalps on its march to its quarter-final date. ball. Freeman gave up only two hits,

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> While the Haifaites should prevail, the bearts of thousands around the country will hid Sha'srayim to produce what would be one of the greatest cup upsets in the local game.

League games this weekend. There is a full program of action in the Second Division's 23rd round, while the Sportolo form - offering a top prize of NIS 10 million this weekend - includes three Third Division

#### games.

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This weekend's soccer fintures: STATE CUP: Betar Jerusalem vs. Maccabi Tel Aviv, Teddy Stadi-um, 17:00; Maccabi Sha'arayim vs. Maccabi Haifa, 16:00; Betar Tel Aviv vs. Ironf Risbon Lezion, 16:00: Buei Yehuda vs. Maccabi Petah TBya, Hatikya Quarter, 16:00.

Costa is placed 28. Ran, Israel's top player, is 173. while Erlich is 317. Play begins at 14:00 loday with

tomorrow's doubles to be played after the opening ceremony at 14:30. Sunday's reverse singles also begin at 14:00.

Channel 1 will show live coverage today beginning at 14:00, although live transmission ends at 17:30. Tomorrow's coverage begins at 14:30.

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## Grizzlies finally come out on top

VANCOUVER (AP) - The Vancouver Grizzlies Snapped their 23-game losing streak, heating the Minnesota Timherwolves 105-103 Wednesday on a last-second basket by Blue Edwards that prevented the Grizzlies from ty-

Former NBA player Dallas Comegys

was fighting for his life in a Turkish hospital last night after being shot ost-side a nightchb following a row with

The incident left another American

Ine incodent left abover American player, Larry Spriggs, womded and an unidentified club patron dead. Comegys, 31, played fur the New Jersey Nets and San Antonio Spurs in

ing the NBA record for consecu-

Edwards senk the winning shol

from the top of the key with

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the Grizzlies, who trailed by 12

points after three quarters before

going on a 16-0 run in the final

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Cavaliers 105, Lakers 89

Pistons 98, Hornets 83 Otis Thorpe made 13 of 15 shots and matched his season high with 27 points as bost Detroit boosted its

playoff chances. Entering the game, the Horners were tied with Miami for the eighth and final Eastern Conference playoff Former NBA players shot SPOL.

Nets 100, Clippers 94

Armon Gilliam scored seven of his 19 points in the final 3:20, including a go-ahead layup that helped host New Jersey snap a three-game losing streak

Chris Childs added 17 points and 13 assists for the Nets. Rodney Rogers had 23 points for

the Clippers, whise hol shooling from the field was offset by their poor shooting from the line. They shot 52 Spriggs, 36, was a member of the 1984-85 Los Angeles Lakers. Conegys plays for Istanbul's Fen-erbahce club, Spriggs for Bursa's Oyak Renault. percent from the field, but made only 13 of 25 free throws. Loy Vaught added 22 and 13 rebounds for the Clippers.

Spurs 117, Kings 96 Host San Antonio rebounded fram

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its first loss in more than a month, against the Cavaliers. The loss fin-ished a 4-2 trip for Los Angeles. winniog behind a 25-poiot perfor-mance by Vinny Del Negro.

The Spurs, who had their 17-game winning streak snapped the previous night by Phoenix, led by as many as points in the fourth period and improved their Midwest Divisiooleading record to 54-19.

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### SCOREBOARD

SOCCER - European Champions Cup, Wednesday's semilinal ist-leg results: Ajaz 0, Panathinaikos I; Juventus 2. Nantes 0.

sumably because of Moroccan and Tunisian opposition. But in the New Middle East, Israel has now been welcomed into the 34 European nation tournament and starting in Group B5, the lowest group, will play against Luxembourg, Croatia and Monaco. The winner will advance to a higher group next

### Year.

The 15-man team Israeli team, 70 percent sabras with the balance new immigrants, is captained by Avital Eliasov, managed by Tommy Miller and

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### HEATHER CHAIT THE LOCAL SCENE

coached by Alan Polatinsky assisted by Chaim Pe'er and Jeremy Schander.

"Israel's entry ticket to Enrope" is how President of the Israci Rugby Union, Elisha Rubin, describes the competition.

Meanwhile, Hapoel Netanya crushed Hapoel Netanya 35-0 this week to win the State Championships.

Olympic rewards A cool NIS 500,000 awaits the Israeli who returns home from Atlanta dangling : gold medal. Israel Olympic Committee president Yoram Ober-kovich announced this inducement to Israel's potential Olympians at a con-farence beld in Herzliya this week.

silver medal will be rewarded with NIS 300,000 and a bronze will pick up NIS 200,000. The happy coa-ch will receive a bonus of half the

STEL. In between the holiday wishes by Foreign Minister Ehud Barak and Deputy Minister of Education, Cul-ture and Sport, Micha Goldman, the

#### athletes also heard that each pers in the delegation will receive NIS 25,000. Arie Ziet, Chrimtan nf the Sports Betting Board, pledged the above. Among those present to hear the financial tidings were Yael Arad, Oren Smadja, Guccia Chichiashvili, Gal Friedman, Boris Polak and Lydia

Hatock-Zuckerman. Our pagilist in Atlanta Champion boxer Vladislav Neiman had no time m attend the Olympic conference - he was too busy making

sure of his Olympic place. At the European Championships in Denmark, Neiman beal Poland's Daniel Zazakovsky in the 51 kilogram category to clear the Olympic criteri-on. Not so fortunate were Ya'acov

Shmuel (57kg) and Yuri Korliansky (60kg) who failed m make the grade. Throwing away records It stood for 15 years - and then it

Israel's women's javelin record, held by Clara Simon for 15 years, was beaten this week hy 26-year-old Dorit Ashkenazy from Hapnel Petah

Tikva. At a meet at Hadar Yosef stadiomin Tel Aviv, Ashkenazy set the new record of 46.00 meters, knocking 36 centimeters nff Simno's 1981 distance.

Bryant Reeves scored a careerhigh 28 points for the Grizzlies, who fell one loss short of the record set by the Cleveland Cavaliers over two seasons in 1982. Magic 98, Knicks 85 Honston 112, Golden State 106 Horace Grant scored a season-high 29 points on 13-of-19 shooting and the Orlando Magic overcame the absence of Shaquille O'Neal to win their sixth straight road game. O'Neal left the team in be with his family in Newark, NJ, following the death of his grandmother. He was scheduled to miss last night's game against Boston and may return Sun-

Terrell Brandon scored 18 of his 23 points in the second half and Danny Ferry had 22 points as Cleveland beat Magic Johnson had 26 points and eight rebounds for the Lakers, who have lost their last seven road games



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# **Rebbe's ritual bath water 'miraculous'**

LUBAVITCHER Rehbe Menachem Mendel Schneerson died almost two years ago, but his followers continue to revere his memory and vestiges of his existence, including reputedly miraculous water from n ritual bath in which be immersed himself.

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The water, known as mayim haim ("living waters"), is distributed in tiny plastic vials by those of the rebbe's disciples who continue to revere him as the messiah. The supply is apparently unlimited as his followers believe a "living" drop has only to be mixed with regular water to turn that into living waters.

The original water, which was collected 10 years before the rehbe's death hy Rabhi Yis-rael Halprin, the Habad rabbi of Herzliya, is said to have curative powers. According to a newsletter distributed by Habad Hassidim in Jerusalem, a tailor who suffered from theumatism and had no clients ruhbed some of the water on his joints and subsequently not only



A total lunar eclipse was observed throughout the country in the early hours of yesterday.

Barak sees Assad as 'admirable

CAIRO (AP) - Foreign Minister Ehud Barak sees Syrian President Hafez Assad as an admirable foe who is trying to negotiate the best possible deal for his people,

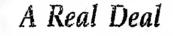
In an interview with the daily Al-Hayat, Barak was quoted Wednesday as characterizing Assad as "an efficient and admirable leader."

He added: "It is true that he is a tyrant, hut he is patient and makes accurate calculations. He is a serious leader who, of course, is fighting for Syrian interests and not those of Israel."

Barak also said that he admired "many Syrian commanders." including Chief of Staff Lt.-Gen. Hikmat Shihahi, who has been one of the negotiators in the Israeli-Syrian talks.

Turning to the closure, Barak said; "I believe the closure is necessary for security reasons and it should continue as long as there are security reasons which justify it."





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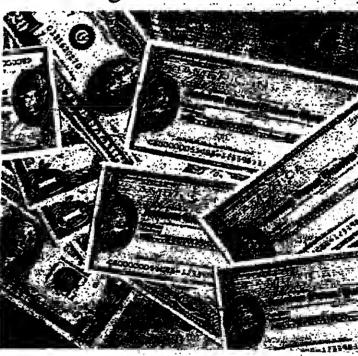
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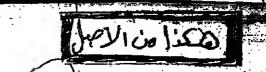
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